The Legend in Annatour

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Chosen one. The time has come. Daughter of the Stars. Rise for glory. Do what you must do. Fill the dark of night with the brilliance of your heart.

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Annatour

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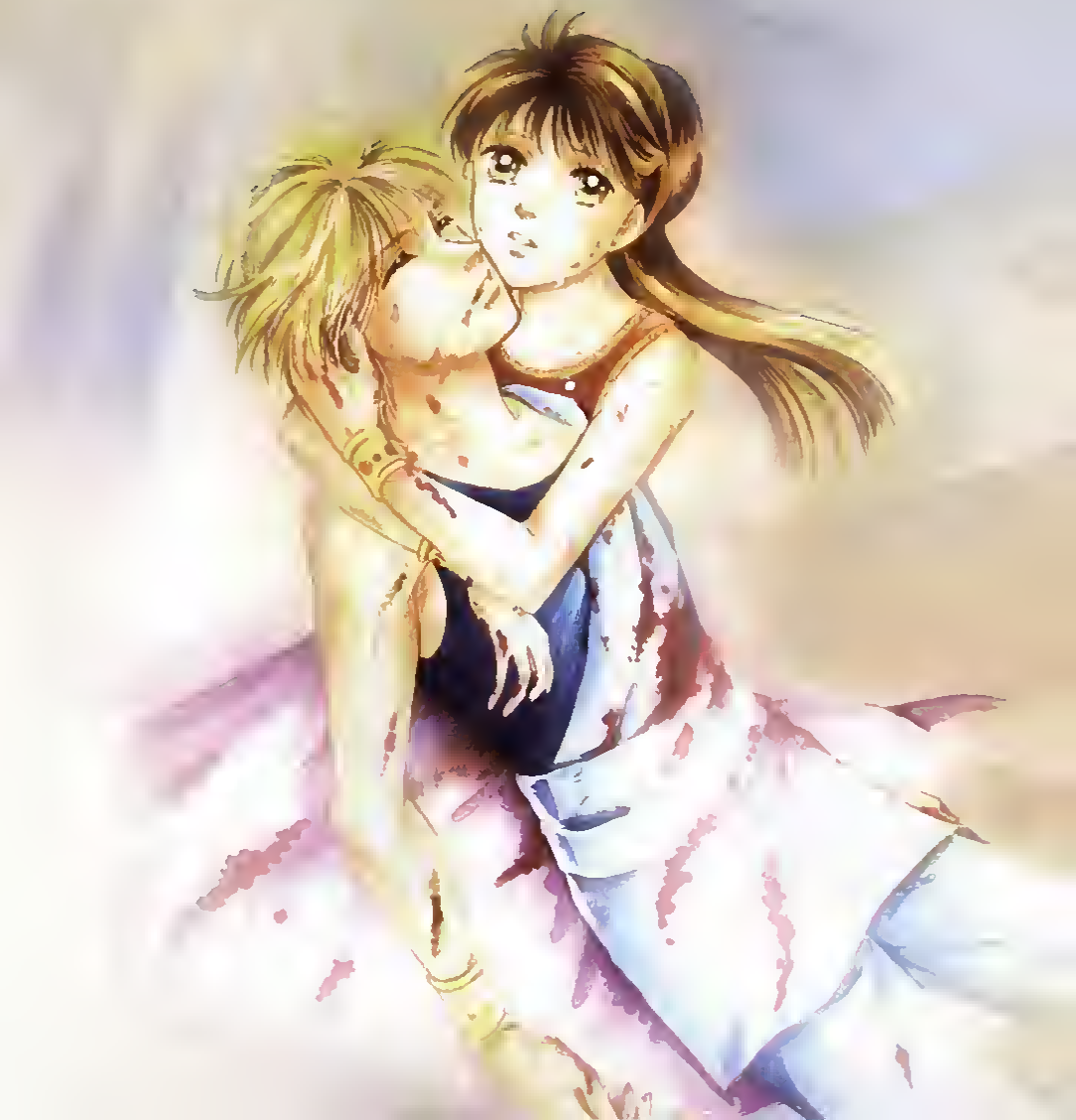
The Silver Meshina

Silver Star, I don't know why
but you chose me for the Meshina.

If this is part of your plan,
please don't take him away from me.



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Characters

Shura Sadeen: The Golden Virdia as prophesied in the Legend in Annatour in which Romaira recorded his prophesies. The Prince of the desert kingdom Esfahan. His father was assassinated by Muzaharu.

Yuina Suzuki (Yuna): The Silver Meshina, as prophesied in the Legend in Annatour in which Romaira recorded his prophesies. She's a normal high school student until one day she is chosen as the savior of the desert.

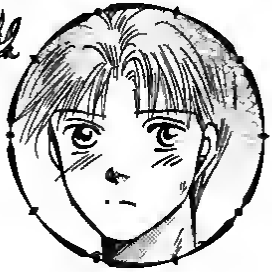
"Previously - One day she stumbles upon a book in the old library. The Legend in Annatour takes Yuna into another realm— Annatour. Yuna meets Prince Shura, who tells her that she is "the Silver Meshina" whose mission is to save the desert.Although she struggles to adjust at first, she becomes determined to fight for people of Esfahan. After defeating the evil king of Muradabird, Yuna is called back to her world. A year later, she comes back to Annatour and finds out that her wedding with Prince Shura is set to take place. It is put on hold when a neighboring country invades the nearest town to the border..."

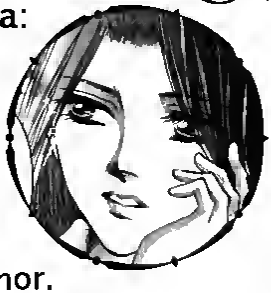
Alshe Lacid: The first retainer of Prince Shura. A descendent of Romaira and the only person who can interpret the Legend in Annatour.

Rita and Maruta : Yuna's maids. They look up to Yuna. From the left, Rita and Maruta.

Nadeel Sulfan: Captain of the Border Guard units. He grew up with Prince Shura. He's opposed to Yuna being Prince Shura's fiancé.

Salem Read: Prince Shura's confidant and a member of the Court Guard. He teaches Yuna how to use a sword.





Saya Makhara: Yuna's best friend. She was born to a family of doctors but aspires to become an author.

Paul: A boy soldier of Radolf. One of the prisoners Yuna saves. Later he helps Yuna escape when she's held captive in Radolf.

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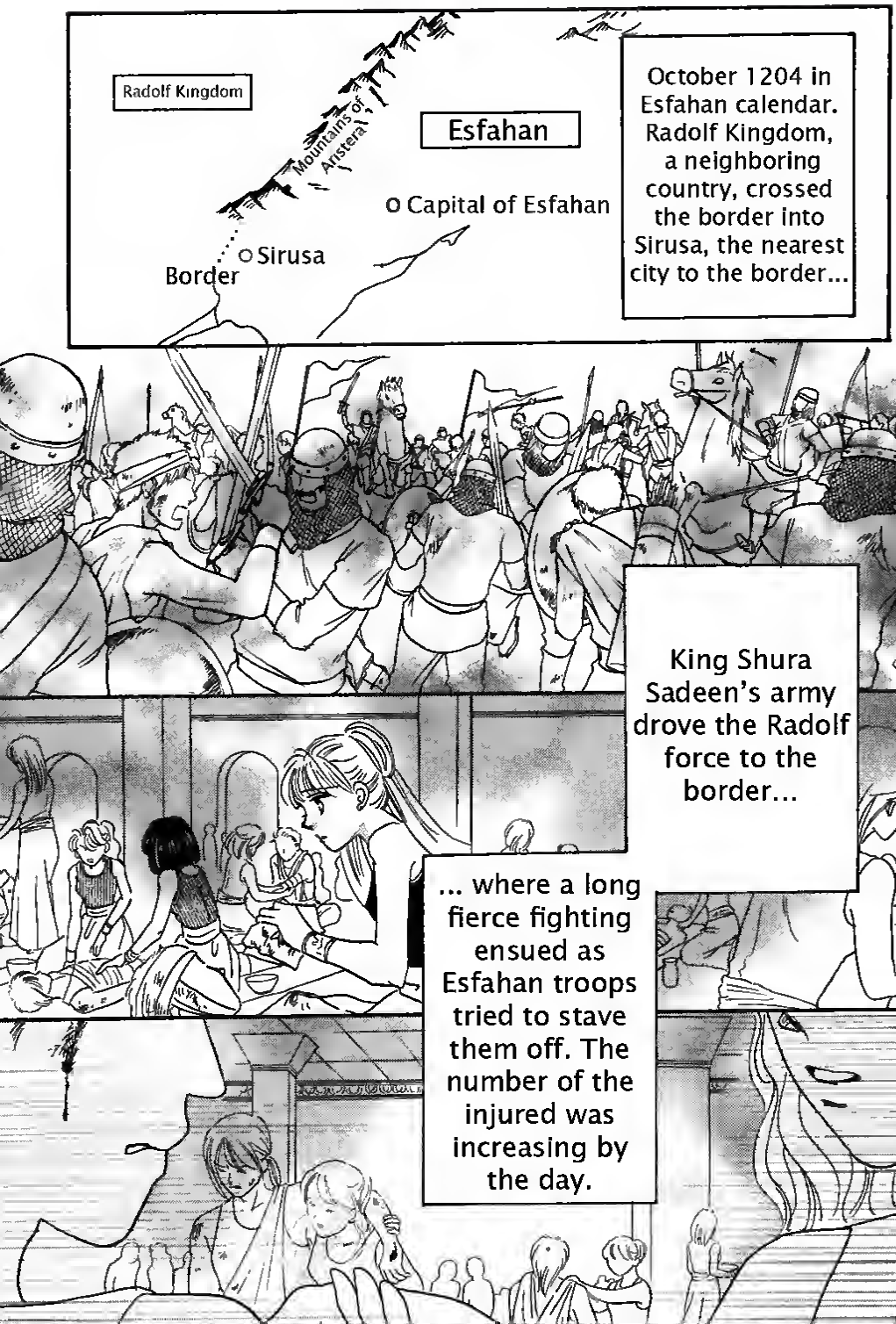
"The Silver Meshina" -1

Yuina Suzuki. Age 17.
I'm an ordinary high school student in Japan.
My life took a strange turn when I was teleported to another realm.
Right now I'm in a desert riven by war and conflict.
Lady Yuna!!
There will be a lot of wounded soldiers...
The troops are back!!

From here on, we the girls are in command.


Radolf Kingdom
Mountains of Aristera
Esfahan
Capital of Esfahan
Sirusa
Border
October 1204 in Esfahan calendar. Radolf Kingdom, a neighboring country, crossed the border into Sirusa, the nearest city to the border...
King Shura Sadeen's army drove the Radolf force to the border...
... where a long fierce fighting ensued as Esfahan troops tried to stave them off. The number of the injured was increasing by the day.

Almost done.
Can you help?
I'll go check "our guests" in the other room.
Maruta, Rita.
We're under-manned and short on medicine...
Lady Yuna.
Do we have to help those people?
You know what the Esfahan code says.
Provide medical care for all the injured. That includes enemies. No exception.

I knew you'd say that.
Let us help!!
Wait.
We can't leave you in a room full of enemies!!
Fine. I'll do it on my own!
The Tower of Sirusa houses the injured soldiers, including those from Radolf.
How's the wound? Does it still hurt?
Oh, dear.
He's one defiant boy.
Hey. Why won't you answer me?
Don't be shy. We're around the same age.

He hasn't spoken a word since he was carried in.
We're enemies in his eyes. It can't be easy to open up to us...
Captain Nadeel.
Lady Yuna.
Are you treating those beasts again?
Nadeel Sulfan, Captain of the Sirusa Border Guard

Thank you.
You reek of blood.
So what new horror has the most feared warrior created today?
They're not beasts.
I get nervous ♪ when he's around... ♪
UH-OH
Captain Nadeel!!
The sweetest perfume in the world. I wear it with pride.
I heard your soldiers run down and kill enemies that flee.
I don't see how shedding unnecessary blood helps your reputation.

...Hypocrite.
How can you take lives and be proud of it? That's lower than a beast!
You either kill or be killed.
Hypo-crite...!
We're not playing war games here. Naivety will only get you killed.
And then Radolf Kingdom will take over us. Is that what you want to see?

You can keep a cool head because you're a stranger to our land.
Hypoc-risy...
Naivety...
Yuna.

Why are you doing on your own?
Prince Shura...

I heard you and Nadeel were at it again.
Maruta and Rita were worried.
Prince, can I ask you something?
Do you think I'm naive?
I don't want anyone to die. Not even foes. Is it wrong to feel this way?
Everyone is the same no matter where you come from. Do you think I'd see it differently if I was born here?
Those soldiers who died in the war. They all had a life. Every one of them.

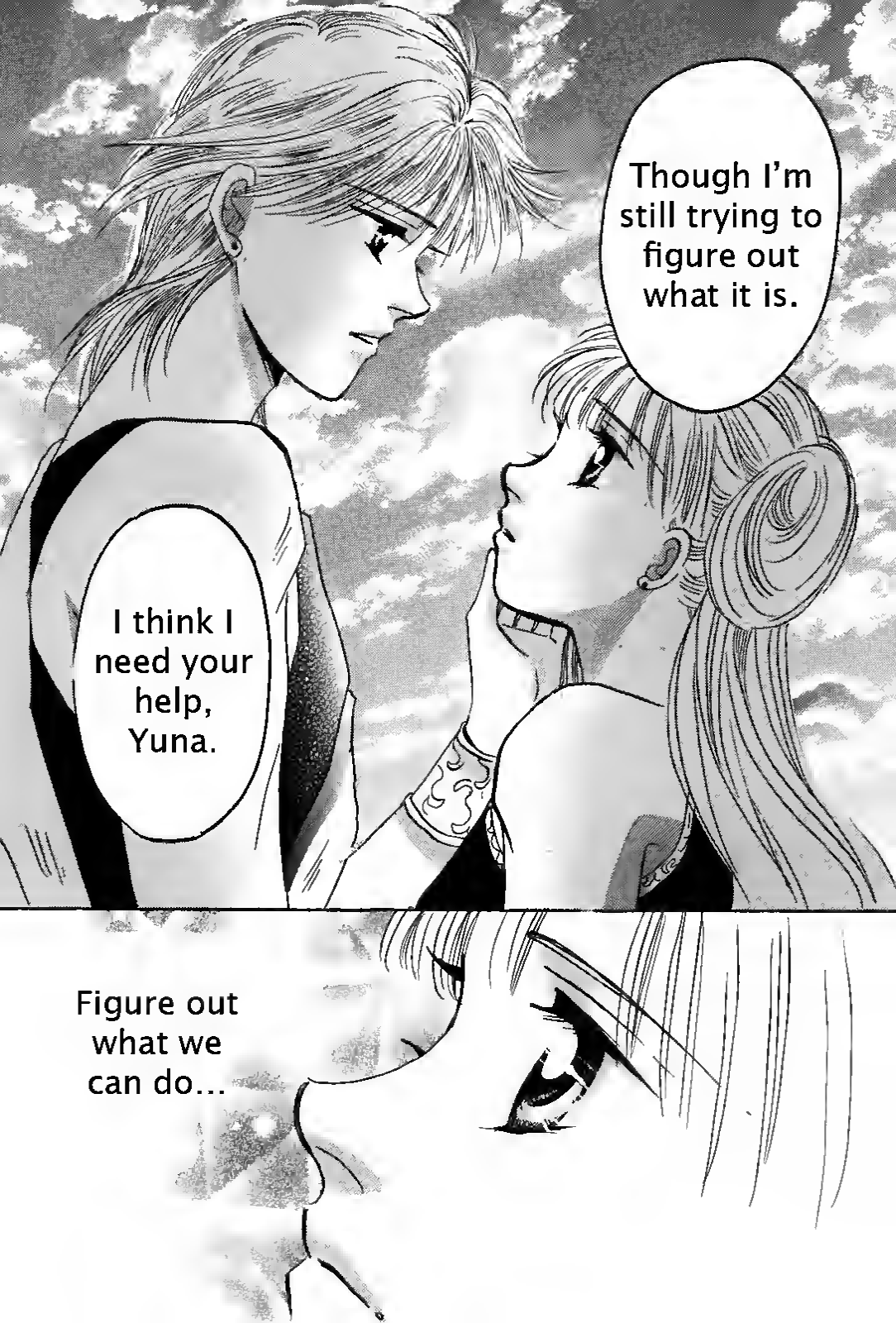
Esfahan, Radolf. Does it have to be Us vs Them?
All human lives are equal.
Someone praying for their safe return
They had a family, someone they loved.
What am I thinking!?
You fight on the frontline everyday. You must be exhausted and I went and gave a stupid speech...
Oh...!
...it's okay.
You're right, Yuna.

But it's my responsibility to keep hostiles at bay.
A king has to fight for his country and his people.
Esfahan soldiers, Radolf soldiers. All lives are invaluable.
There is not one unworthy.
Sometimes I feel so powerless.
People think the Virdia is invincible.
And I try my best for the country. But when it comes to protecting each and individually, my best is not enough.

Prince...
SQUEEZE
The Golden Virdia, the King who is prophesied to bring happiness to all.
A king's duty to his country and people. He's carrying so much on his shoulders.
Yuna?

Prince!
You're not alone. We're in this together.
People call me the Silver Meshina for a reason.

You're right.
Yuna...
It's better to focus on what we can do than...
...worry about something over which we have no control.


Though I'm still trying to figure out what it is.
I think I need your help, Yuna.
Figure out what we can do...

We'll figure out...
...what we can do.
Sure!!
Good
It's looking good.
You'll be able to go home in no time.

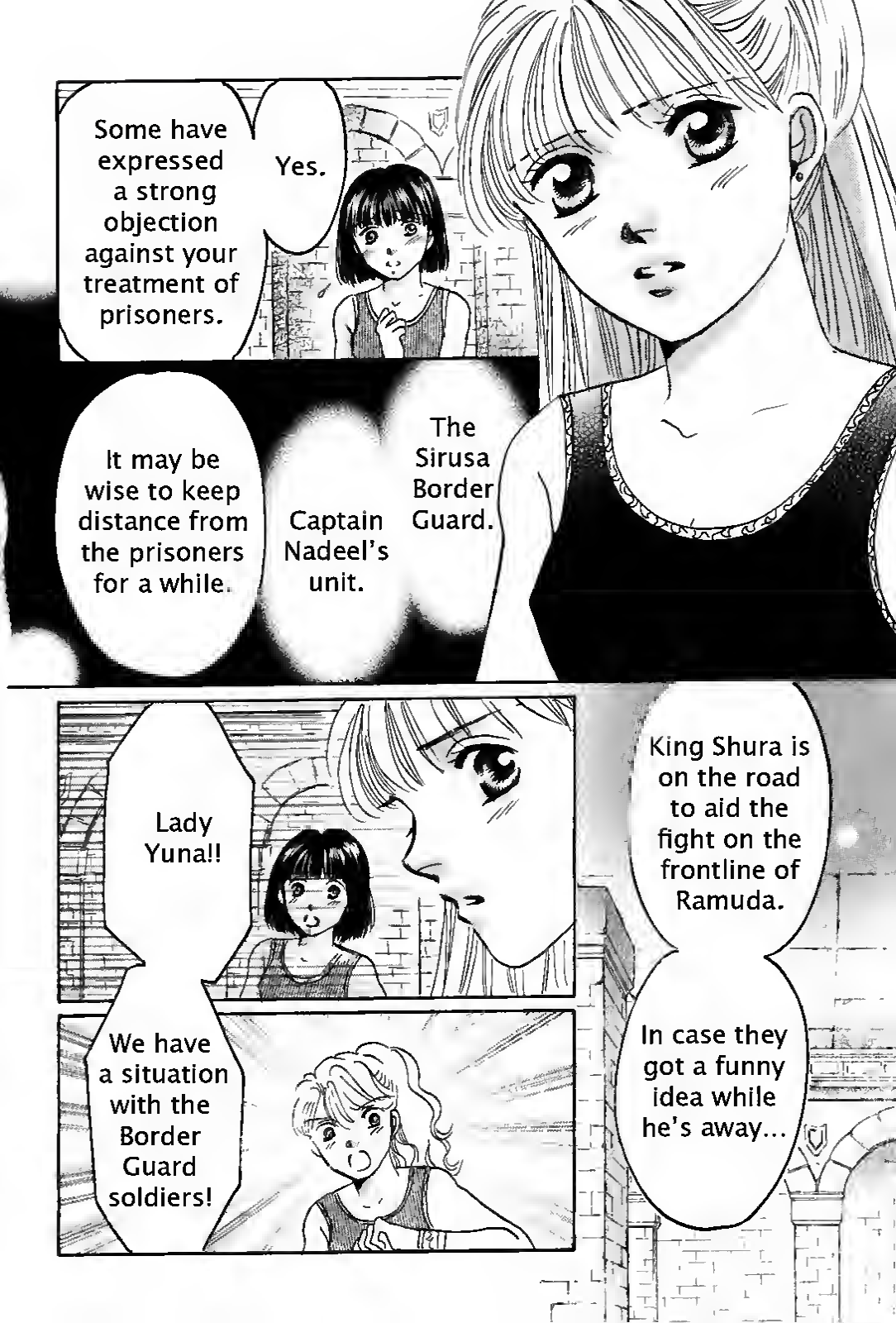
I can go home when the wound's healed? That's a lie!!
Hey.
You can speak!
What do you mean, liar?
What.
...liar.
When it's all healed, you're going to execute me to set an example.
Our troops invaded your country!!
Wait...
What the...!?
Or you'll throw me to a pack of Sirusa rogues whose houses we burnt to the ground!
Do you hear yourself!?

We're running low on food and medicine in Sirusa as it happens!!
You think we'd waste them on prisoners waiting to be executed!?
Sorry I snapped.
Gosh...
Don't worry yourself over it. Focus on getting better.
Our King forbids violence against prisoners.
We can't afford freeloaders so hurry up, get better and go home!!
I bet you have a nice girl waiting for your return.
What... How...!?

She made it for you, didn't she?
Like a guess.
That pendant. It looks hand-made.
How did you know!?
Zagrev, was it?
It's the god the people of Radolf worship.
Why do you care!!?
Shut up!!
A HA HA
Why throw away your life just like that?
You have someone who cares for your safety.
NGH

CHUCKLE
He's a normal boy.
How adorable. He's beet red.
Just like the teens in Esfahan.
They could have been friends if they didn't have a war.
She's an outsider.
She doesn't know what it's like to stand and watch helplessly as everything you own is burnt to ashes.
HUMPH
So the Meshina is sweet on the Radolf soldiers.

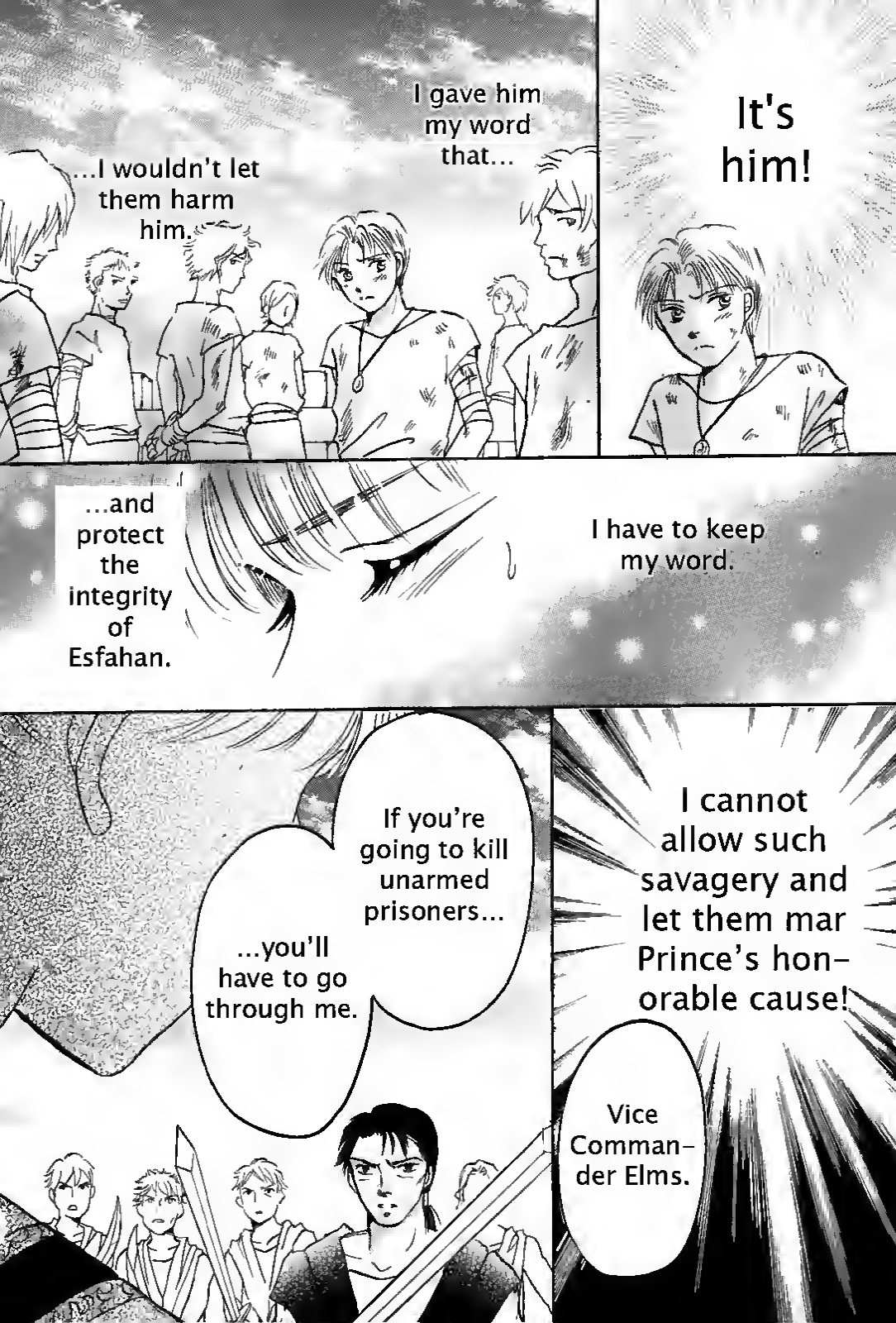
If the situation doesn't improve, we'll put her in her place...
The king's fiancé. See if we care.
What...
The border guards?


Some have expressed a strong objection against your treatment of prisoners.
Yes.
The Sirusa Border Guard.
Captain Nadeel's unit.
It may be wise to keep distance from the prisoners for a while.
Lady Yuna!!
We have a situation with the Border Guard soldiers!
King Shura is on the road to aid the fight on the frontline of Ramuda.
In case they got a funny idea while he's away...

They're going to execute the prisoners!
What do you think you're doing!?
They took the prisoners up to the viewing point.
Oh, no...!

Elmez Rouman, the vice commander of the Border Guard.
Well, well, well, isn't this our Silver Meshina.
You're in time for the show.
They killed our comrades.
We're about to start a bloodbath as a tribute to the war dead.
What is this folly!!?
The Esfahan's military codes specifically forbid the killing of prisoners!
ZSH
!!

Lady Yuna!!
What are you going to do...!?
We are not kindly disposed toward traitors. Just because you're the Meshina doesn't make you an exception.
I suggest you stay out of it or you'll be hurt.
They're not kidding.
What should I do...?
The soldiers on Nadeel's units are not happy with me being the future queen.
They're waiting for an excuse to get rid of me. I wouldn't put it past them.
Prince...how do I get out of this!?


I gave him my word that...
...I wouldn't let them harm him.
It's him!
...and protect the integrity of Esfahan.
I have to keep my word.
If you're going to kill unarmed prisoners...
...you'll have to go through me.
I cannot allow such savagery and let them mar Prince's honorable cause!
Vice Commander Elms.

Whether you like it or not, most people in Esfahan accept me as the prophesied one.
Can you really slay the Silver Meshina that so many people believe in?
If you have the balls, I say do it!!
You will be branded as the murderer of the Meshina for the generations to come.
Go ahead and bring your blood-stained blade down on me!!

That's enough for today, Elms.
She got you.
Captain Nadeel!

Put away your swords!!
True warriors do not take sword to the unarmed!! We must not stain the honor of the Sirusa Border Guard!!
Captain ...
Are you challenging my authority?
Take the prisoners back to the medical center!!
Sir...
Come!!

PHEW
SLUMP
へな
What a relief.
Lady Yuna!!
Are you hurt?
Lady Yuna.
I'm so glad you're okay...!!
You almost gave us a heart attack.
No, I'm all right.
Thank you so much for your intervention. I owe you big time.
It's okay.

Captain Nadeel!!
AW
Kill the unarmed? Where's the fun in it? Once they're back in the battlefield, they'll savor the blunt of my sword.
I did it to protect our legacy.
I didn't do it for you or for the Radolf soldiers.
Are you really all right?
Lady Yuna.
Ooh...
I can't stand up...
None of your business!!
Are all women frisky like you in your country?
That's what you get for being trouble.
HEF

I hope you've learned your lesson. No more drama from you for a while.
Oh...!
My, what a gent.
Captain Nadeel.
Was it...
...a smile that just crossed his face...?
Prince Shura is coming back from Ramda?

YAY
The King's army defeated the Radolf army on the frontline of Ramuda. He will be back soon.
Really?!
I can see Prince soon!! I've missed him so much!
After failed attempts at crumbling Esfahan's defenses, Radolf started attacks from various angles in an effort to spread their forces thin.
Prince Shura hit the road a few days ago to lead the battle on the frontline of Ramuda, 30 kilometers south of Esfahan.
My
What's wrong?
All the meals are left untouched.
Eat and grow out your strength.
Perhaps it's about what happened yesterday.
Don't move, Meshina.

!?
Lady Yuna!!
Don't move or you'll get hurt.
Oh, no...
Go get the commander or the Meshina dies!!
You two there!!
My apologies, Lady Yuna.
No hard feelings against you but we do need to return home.
Riot!

What is going on!?
It'll easily cut your artery.
How did you obtain the dagger?
I broke a spoon provided with the meal and polished the cut surface with the pebbled floor.
What do you want?
Captain Nadeel!!
Captain!!
We must not give in to the beasts' demands!!
Our safety until we've crossed the border.
And a horse for each of us.

That's right. I'm ancient.
No surprise there.
Captain, we cannot bow to their demands to save a mere woman...!
What about the Meshina? She's only an ancient myth!!
Captain Nadeel gave me a break once but if they think I can be their ticket out of here...
These people never cared for me.
...okay.
We have a deal.
What?
I wouldn't bet on it, old man!!

Captain Nadeel!
Captain! You can't be serious!
She may be or may not be the Meshina.
The point is she's the one King chose as the queen.
It may not sit well with us but...
If we let something happen to her in his absence.
That would be perceived as disloyalty to the King.

The Meshina will come with us until we're safely across.

Lady Yuna!!
Hey.
We're across the border.

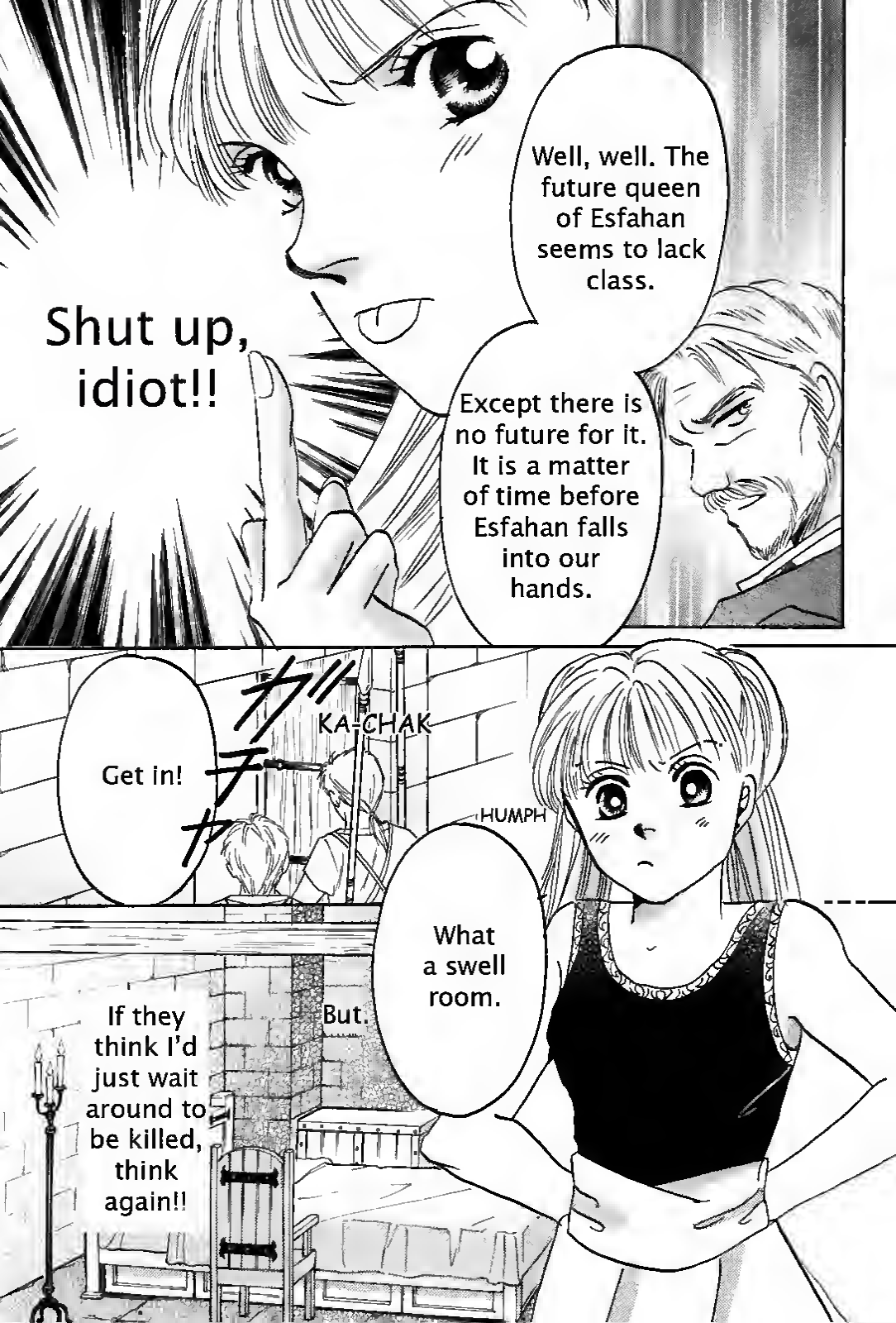
Forgive us, Lady Yuna.
You said you'd let me go.
We cannot return empty-handed...
...after the disgrace of being captured.
So that's it, huh. I'm their souvenir.
I saw this coming.
It's all right. I'm ready.

I'm going into the enemy zone!!
So you're the legendary Meshina of Esfahan.
HMM

My name is Gruge. I am the commanding officer of the east expedition unit of the Radolf Army.
It is an honor to finally meet the Guardian and the future queen of Esfahan.
What am I doing here?
...okay, Commander Gruge.
Skip the pleasantries, old man.
Please make yourself at home.
When the time comes...
...you have an important role to play.

What do you mean by when the time comes?
Well.
Thousands of reinforcements will be arriving soon.
!!
That is when we close in on Esfahan.
When the time comes...
...I will put your corpse on display and shatter morale of the Esfahan soldiers!
They're planning a full attack...!

Why do you want to expand to other countries?
The people of Esfahan have built their lives there.
Wait!!
Take the Meshina back to her room. Treat her with courtesy.
Why ruin their peace!?
...okay.
We don't consider those pagan-worship-pers to be equal beings.
You're a beast!!


Shut up, idiot!!
Well, well. The future queen of Esfahan seems to lack class.
Except there is no future for it. It is a matter of time before Esfahan falls into our hands.
KA-CHAK
Get in!
HUMPH
What a swell room.
But.
If they think I'd just wait around to be killed, think again!!

Wait for me, Prince!!
They cannot defeat me.
FUME
FUME
That's the least of your worries
Look where I ended up!
Today's the day of Prince's return. We were supposed to be reunited!
FUME
FUME
I will be back in your arms!!
The prisoners took Yuna with them!?
What!?

King Shura ...!
My profound apolo-gies!
This is my fault. It happened under my watch...
King...!
I'm going to bring her back!
Where are you going!?
Look, Nadeel.
Yuna is a fighter. She won't stay captive for long...
If you recall the final battle with Muradabird where she was taken hostage by Muzaharu.
She tried to behead him. She's dauntless.
No matter what, she always finds a way.

We'll be there to pick her up when she's finished with them.
King Shura.
CLANK
You hold the Meshina to such a high regard...
Let me come with you!

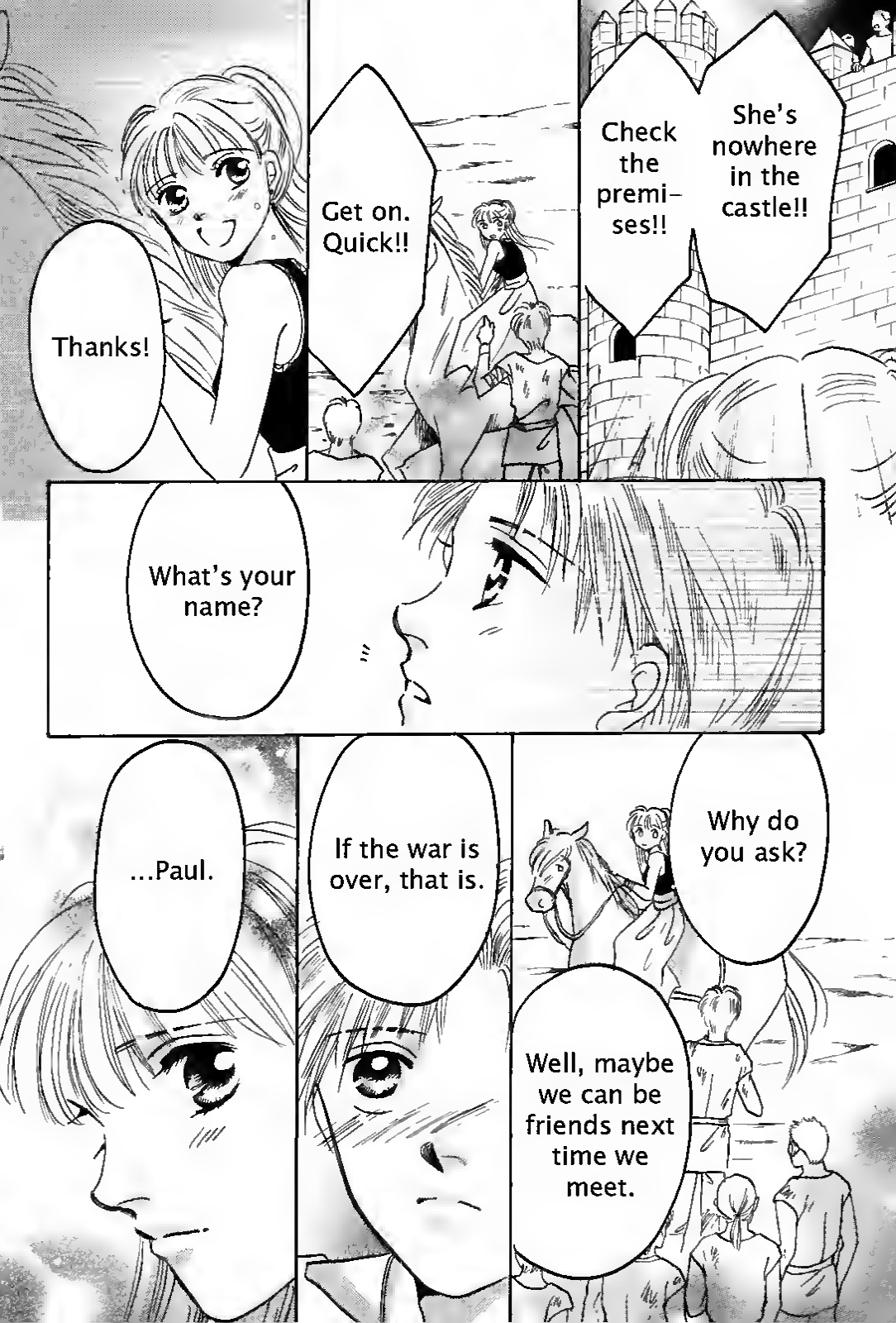
SWING
ぶらーん
WHOA!
KA-CHAK
What's the matter!?
The Meshina hanged herself!!
W-we've got a situation!!
あわわわ
EEK
Sheet rolled into a rope
HEH-HEH
Got ya.
I'm not the type to easily bow out
TWIRL
しゅる
It was tied around her waist.
Go notify the Commander!!
PATTER
PATTER

The coast is clear.
Which is the way out?
TOK
Now...!
PST
This way!!
!?
How did you...
I'll explain later. Come quickly!!
It's the boy...!!
Follow me!!

But why!?
Just through this window. It'll lead you outside the wall.
Oh...

Prisoners in Sirusa...!
Lady Yuna, take this horse and run!!
Thanks, but why?
Lady Yuna.
Forgive our rudeness earlier.
We did what we had to do to get out.
Our countries may be at war but we will not forget that we owe you a debt for our lives.
You saved us, Lady Yuna.
I'm touched...
Every-one...

Thank you!!
I wish the Radolf troops could think the way you do.
We all fight so we could return home alive.
They do.


Thanks!
Get on. Quick!!
Check the premi-ses!!
She's nowhere in the castle!!
What's your name?
...Paul.
If the war is over, that is.
Why do you ask?
Well, maybe we can be friends next time we meet.

GALLOP
GALLOP
GALLOP
Get out of here!!
Thanks, Paul.
Say hello to your special one.
Safe journeying, Lady Yuna!!
Thank you!!
Every-one, thank you!!

...brighter than the blue moon above.
Nothing is more frightening than not being able to trust people.
Nothing more empowering than being able to trust someone.
The people in Radolf gave me courage, directing me onto the path with light...

!!
FWISH
Pur-
suers!!
There she is! Over there!!
THOM
THOM
THOM
Stop or we will shoot you!!
WHIIN
AW...!!
That man called Gruge. He won't hesitate to kill me if I don't stop.

UH
Gosh that hurt...
THUD
FSH
Don't move!!
Don't do anything stupid or I will cut your face.
He ordered us to kill you if you resist.

Get off her.
Hello, Radolf soldiers.
I won't have you ruining my future wife's face.

Prince Shura!

No, it's not a dream!!
The grace, that swords-manship.
ZASH
UGH
Using his sword to defend, rather than to kill. It's him!
Captain Nadeel!!
No!! Don't kill them.

I didn't have to...
By the time the wind had let up...
...he was standing in front of me.
...wait long.
I've come for you, Yuna.

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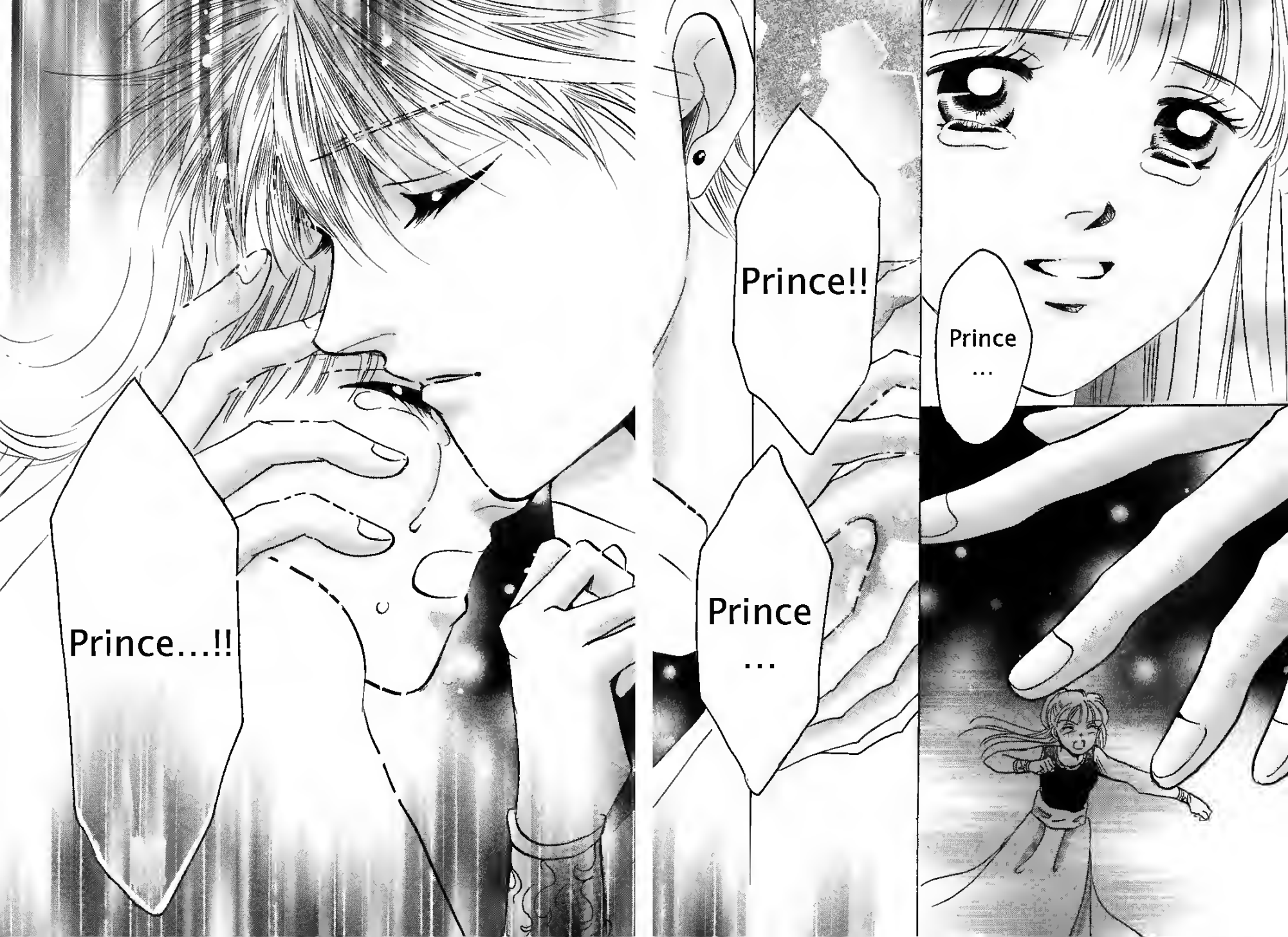
Prince...!!
Prince!!
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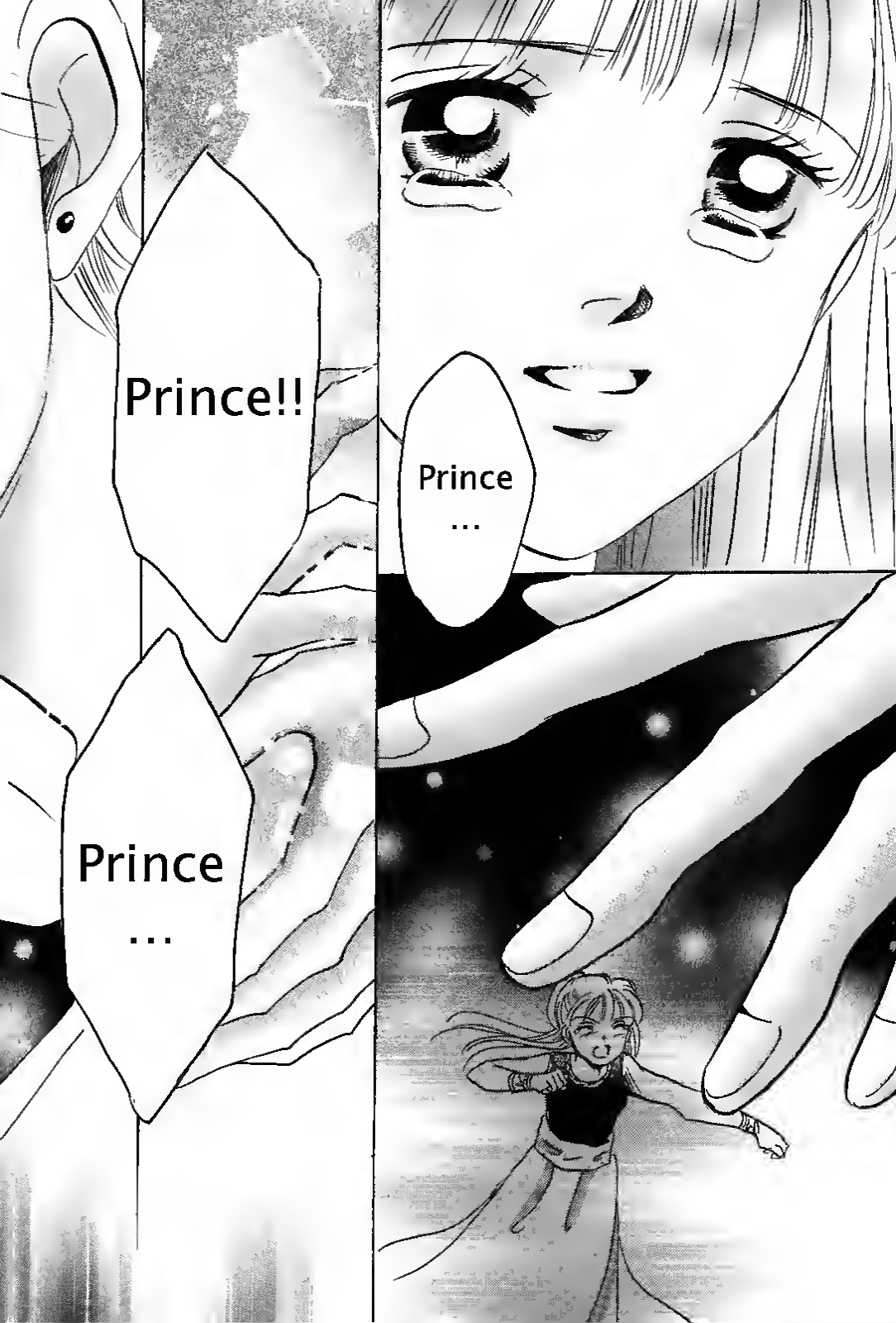
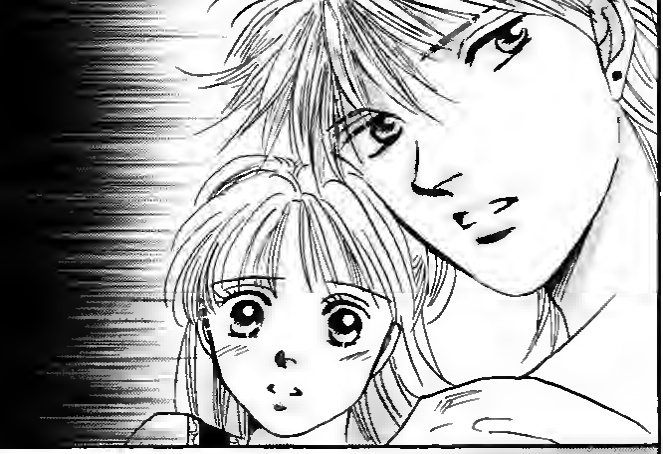

Prince!!
Prince
…
Prince
…

Prince...!!

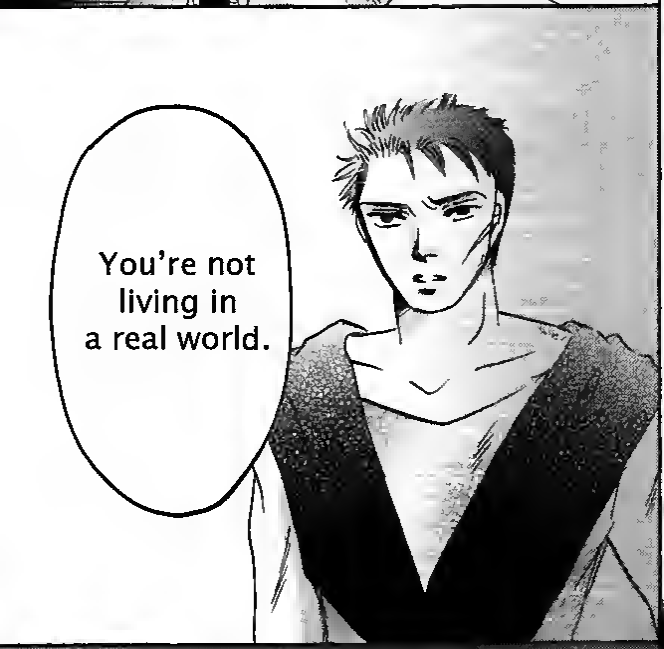
The prisoners. They helped me escape
Are you okay? You're not hurt?
No. I'm all right.
Well, it's partly right but that's not how it went down!!
No.
I heard they kidnapped you.
Listen, Prince...
I adore you.
Oh, where do I start...?
My heart is aching with so much emotion.
Yuna, are you okay?

I really do.
You're my world!
The Radolf soldiers fight for the people they love. Just like you do.
We all fight so we could return home alive.
They do.
And the way you do about me.
The way you make me feel about you.
Maybe that's all it takes. We need someone to love.

Why kill each other?
The world is better without wars, right?
Maybe there is something we can to set things right.
Yuna...



A war-free world.



Talk about naivety.

My tribe was a peaceful people...
...who loved their families and friends.
Hate had no place in our community.
Until the Badan, one of our neighboring tribes, raided our village...
...and massacred everyone and took our water and lands.
Love? That's an obstacle.

You must kill them lest they kill you.
The weak stand no chance.
You let anger drive you until you're the last one standing.
That's how it is.

Captain Nadeel.
TWITCH
UGH
No, it's not.
It doesn't have to be like that...

He did this to me...
GRIP
It's him.
Let's go back to the tower of Sirusa.
Kill him!!
Wait, Captain Nadeel.
Before they miss the presence of these soldiers...
...and send another round of attacks.

What...!
You pagan-worshipper ...Die!
No...
Nadeel...!!

STAB

UGH
SHAKE
SHAKE
I... stabbed the King of Esfahan...
UGH
COUGH
Oh, god...
Prince...
No...

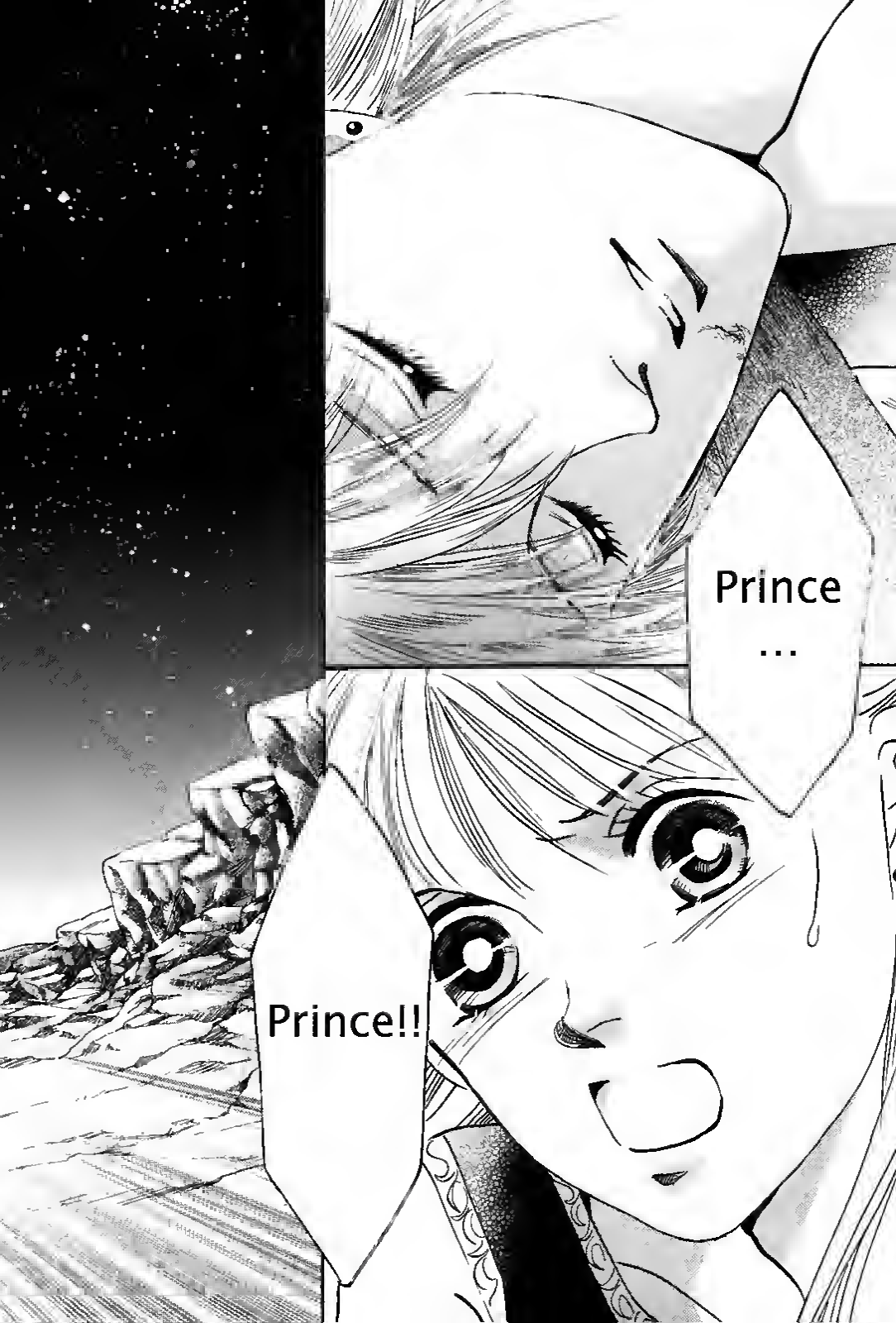
No...!!

أساطير

أقدار

The smell of blood filled the air in the desert.
The moon-light fell on the sand, cool and eerily blue.
Prince ...!!

Prince!!
Prince
…
Prince!!


Prince
…
Prince!!

Prince!!

He shielded me!!
King Shura...
ZSH
How dare you...!!
AARGH
AH...

Captain Nadeel ...!!
I need to stop the bleed-ing!
I need your help!!
Lady Yuna!!
Is he okay?

Why did you do it...!?
King Shura!!
Pursuers!
They've got back-up!!
The sound of horses galloping.

Lady Yuna! Take the king and run!!
I'll hold them off.
Get on the horse and go!
But...
I can't risk moving him!! He's severely wounded!!

Watch out! The Meshina's got back-up!!
Over here!!
Even if we could make it back to the Tower of Shirusa, what are the chances?
Lady Yuna, take the king and go...!!
What should I do!?

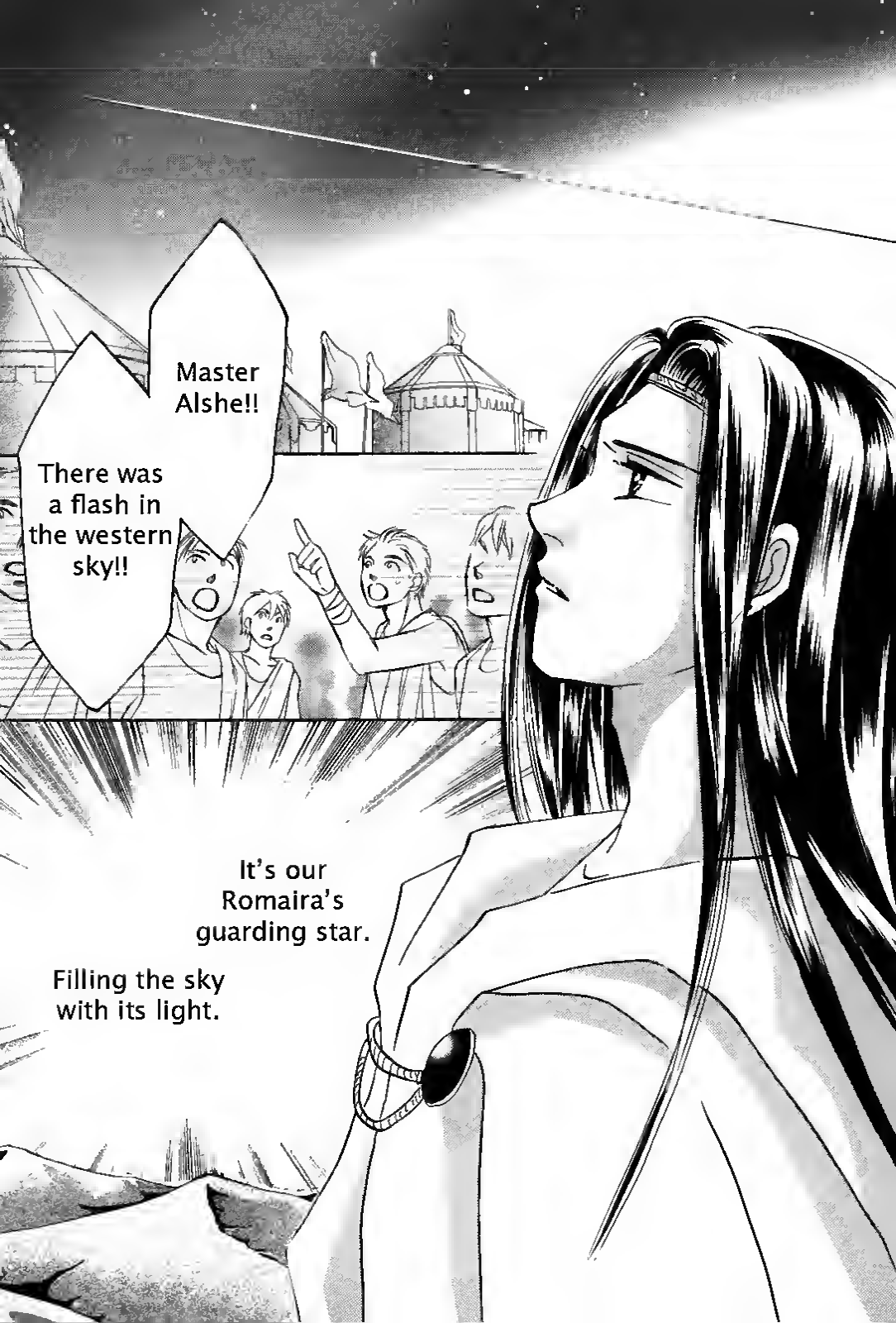
!!
What should I do!?
The Silver Star!

Please, Star!!
Help!!

I don't know why but you chose me for the Meshina.
If this is part of your plan...
...please don't take him away from me.
Help Prince!!

Help
him!!

Help
him!!


Master Alshe!!
There was a flash in the western sky!!
It's our Romaira's guarding star.
Filling the sky with its light.

By King Shura's command, we're on the way to Sirusa with aid.
Something has gone wrong. I can feel it...
Has something happened to them...!?

Where...is this?
The intermingled smells of dust, paper and old wood...
Feels famil-iar.
Oh...

Prince...!
We're in the library!
Prince ...
Prince Shura!!
We've been transported back to my world!
What's happened to us...?
Captain Nadeel!!
Lady... Yuna?

Captain Nadeel, stay calm and listen.
We're in the other realm. This is the world I grew up in.
There was a sudden flash of light and...
Where is this...? What happened?
Where are the soldiers...!?
!!
To save Prince's life!!
The Silver Star guided us back to my world!
King Shura!!

You stay put, okay?!!
Lady Yuna, where are you going?
Captain Nadeel, please keep an eye on him!!
There's a phone at the recep-tion.
Call the ambulance!
...hold on!!
I need to get help fast...!!

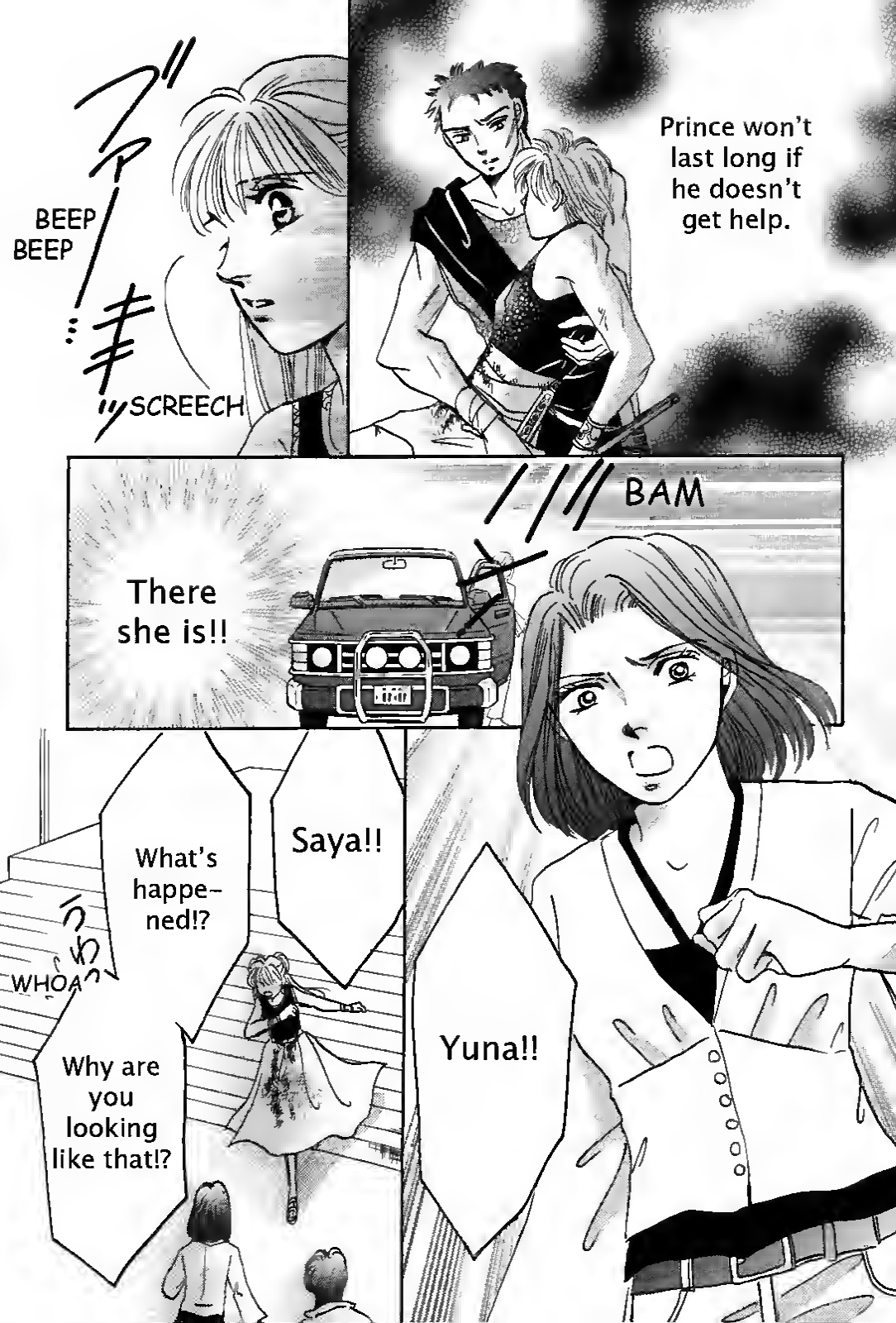
A blond boy with a stub wound in his stomach.
And a hulking compan-ion with a sword in his sheath.
How am I going to explain it...!?
Saya!!
Her family owns...
The savvy geek girl I call my best friend!
Yes!!

...Makihara General Hospital!!
Makihara General Hospital
PRRR
Hello?
Saya? It's me.

Yuna!
Where are you?
I've been calling you since you took off this evening. You never picked up...I was worried.
I'm sorry, Saya! I'll explain everything later!!
Please don't ask anything. I need your help!!
My help...?
My friend needs medical attention!!
I can't explain but I couldn't call the ambulance.
It looks really bad!!
Please!!

Help!!
Bro!!
BAM
Eh?
Car-A
I need a car to pick up a friend with serious injuries.
Just do it!!
Call an ambu-lance.
What's going on?
Bro, your car!! Now!!
What?
Ever heard of knocking first?

You're the clo- sest thing to a medical student here!
Whot do you mean, closest?!
Please, Saya!! Quickly!!


BEEP
BEEP
SCREECH
Prince won't last long if he doesn't get help.
BAM
There she is!!
Yuna!!
Saya!!
What's happe-ned!?
WHOA
Why are you looking like that!?

Hey.
Cosplay or something?
Phew, a blond!
What happened to him...!?
He's covered in blood!!
Is he the friend you were talking about?
He's in shock from losing blood.
He doesn't look it, though.
He's in the sixth year of medical school.
Oh, this is my big brother.
CHAK
Stand back!!
WHOA
Okay, help me carry him to my car...

Captain Nadeel!!
Sheathe your sword!!
These people are on our side!!
YIKES
That looks authentic!
Help us move him to that carrier!!
What is that!!?
I'll explain later!!
If you want to save King, do what I ask!!

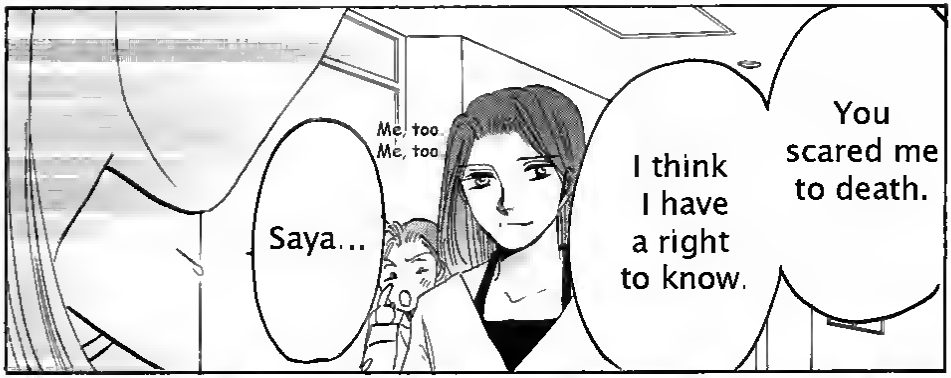
Save
King...

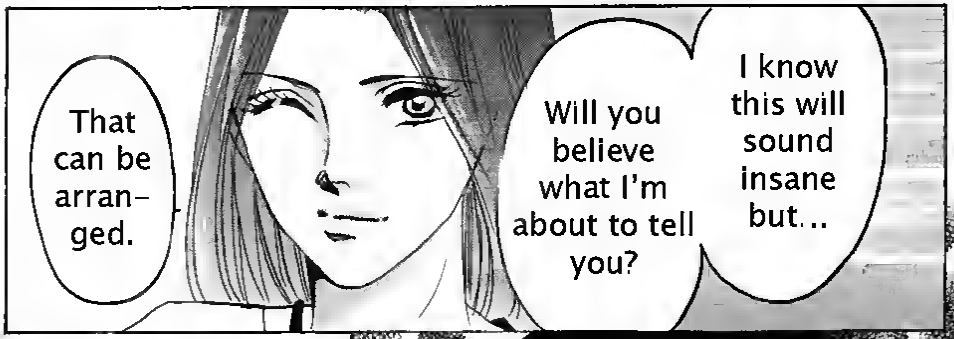
North Ward
Makihara General Hospital
He's gone into shock from blood loss. Consciousness level 3-100!!
Cross-match the blood-type!! Prepare for blood transfusion!!
Right away!!
He's getting the help he needs!!
Of course he's terrified.
King Shura!!
Where are you taking him?!
It's okay, Captain Nadeel.
He's been transported to Japan from a desert.

It's enough to send my head spinning!!
VEEN
...
Dad!!
Mr. Makihara...
Where's his family?
He has none.
I'm his fiancé.

Okay, you need to explain that later.
The patient sustains an injury to the abdominal cavity.
He's in critical condition and needs an emergency surgery. Is that okay?
...Yes, please!!
He's going to be all right, Yuna.
Saya...

That was my father.
Your prince is in good hands. He's a great surgeon.
Thanks, Saya.
Captain Nadeel.
He looks as if...
...keeping watch from invisible enemies.
Time to make good with our promise, Yuna.
While we're waiting for the operation to finish, you and I have a lot to catch up.
Why are you wearing those clothes? And...
Tell me what happened?





A story that started a year ago...

After what I saw, nothing surprises me.

Saya won't have any trouble. I can trust her with my story.

Into the light!!
Prince!!
I recognize the voice...
Prince.
Prince Shura.
Prince...
Hey...
I feel as if all the strength has gone out of my body. I can't move a finger.
My body feels dull.
It's dark.
A story of our quest together.

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Prince!!

Are you awake, Prince?
Yuna...

What happened?
Where am I...?
Don't worry.
We've been brought to my realm.
What? What did you say...?
...
This is Yuna's world...!
He can take off the mask for a little while.
The Silver Star took us here to aid us.

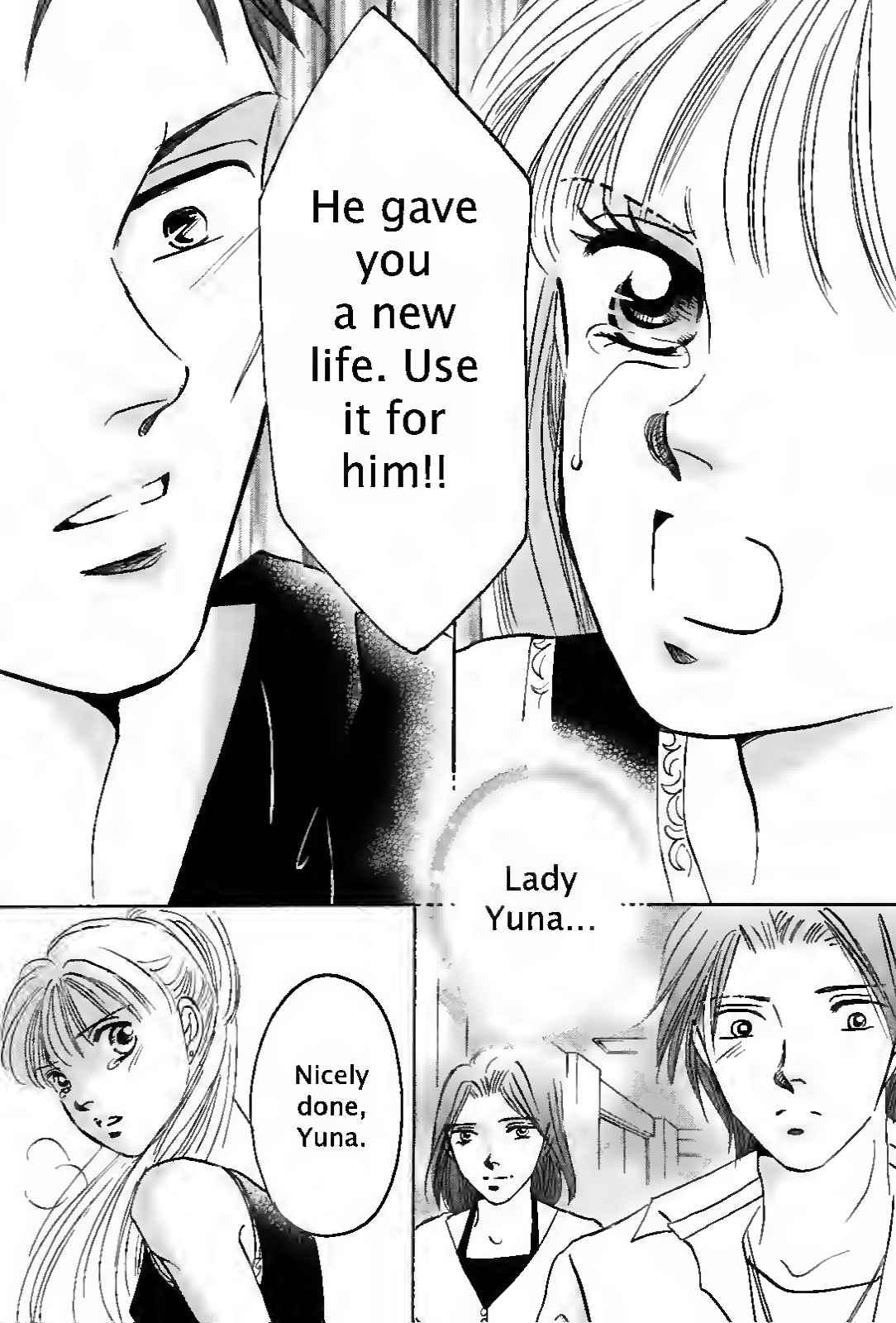
Yuna...
Where's Nadeel?
No worries.
He's here with us.
He's all right.
I can feel her energy flooding into me from the tips of her fingers.
It's going to be all right. You need to recuperate from the injury.
The Star brought you here so you get the help you need.
So comforting...
Oh, it feels so warm.

It feels so nice to be in her kind and strong embrace.
She's my light.

He's in great hands.
Thank you so much.
ICU
Intensive- Care Unit
Yuna! Come with me!!
Stop brandi-shing your sword!!
Get out of my way!!
Captain Nadeel is in trouble?!
I need your help with that macho!!
What?

Lady Yuna!!
What is going on, Captain Nadeel?!
Let go of me!!
WOOSH
Prince's going to be all right!!
I must pay with my life!!
Our King is gravely wounded because of me!!
Then I can die without regret!

SLAAP
Block-head!!
You...
You need to take a cold shower!!
Do you think he saved you so you can kill yourself!?
OUCH
SNICKER
He went out on a limb for you. I won't have you trampling on his good will!


He gave you a new life. Use it for him!!
Lady Yuna...
Nicely done, Yuna.

It was a long, dark night.
We made it through.
Makihara General Hospital
Thank you so much!!
It's over.
Not funny Saya!
The Meshina's integrity and everything.

Not funny, Saya!
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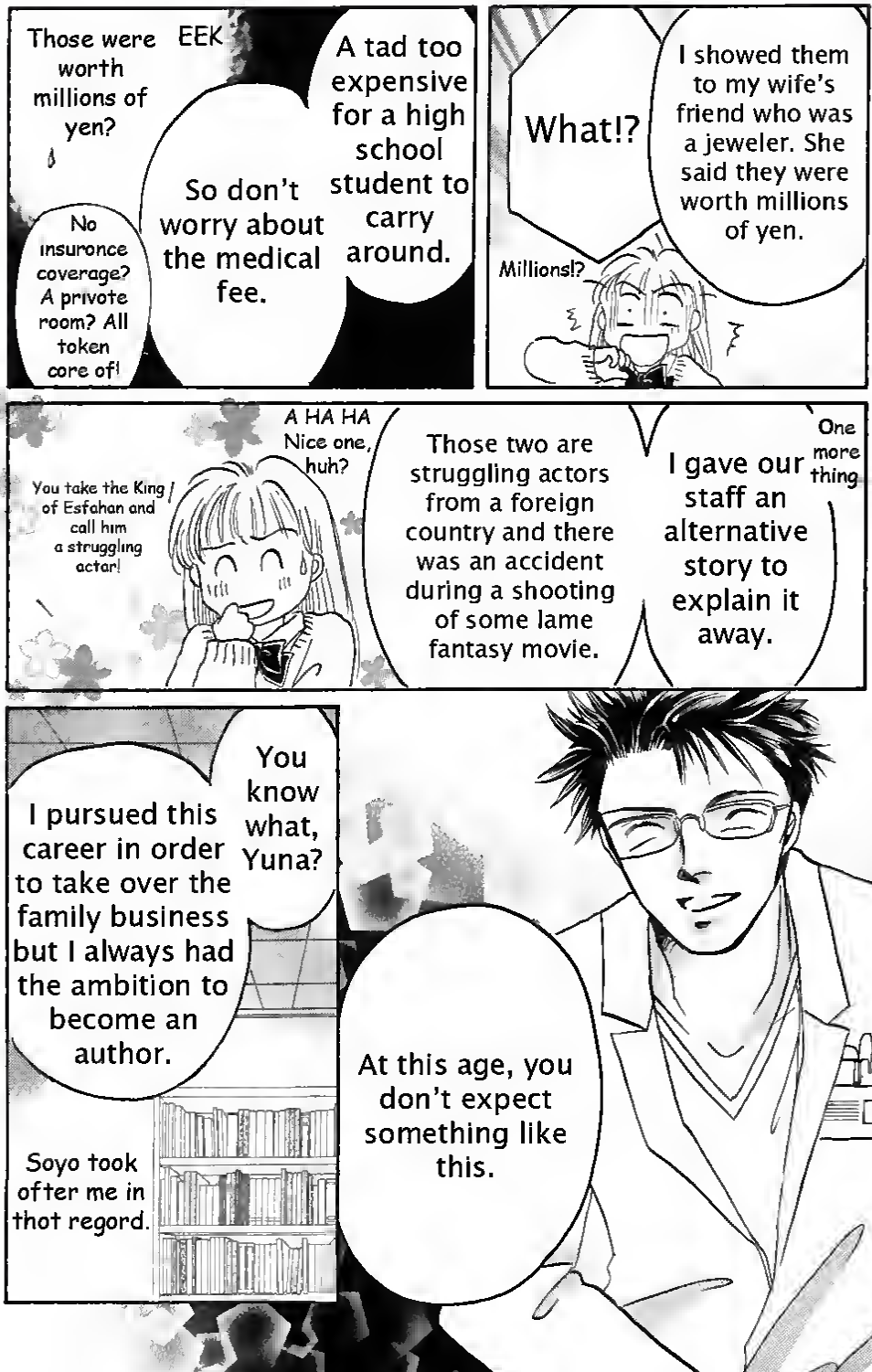
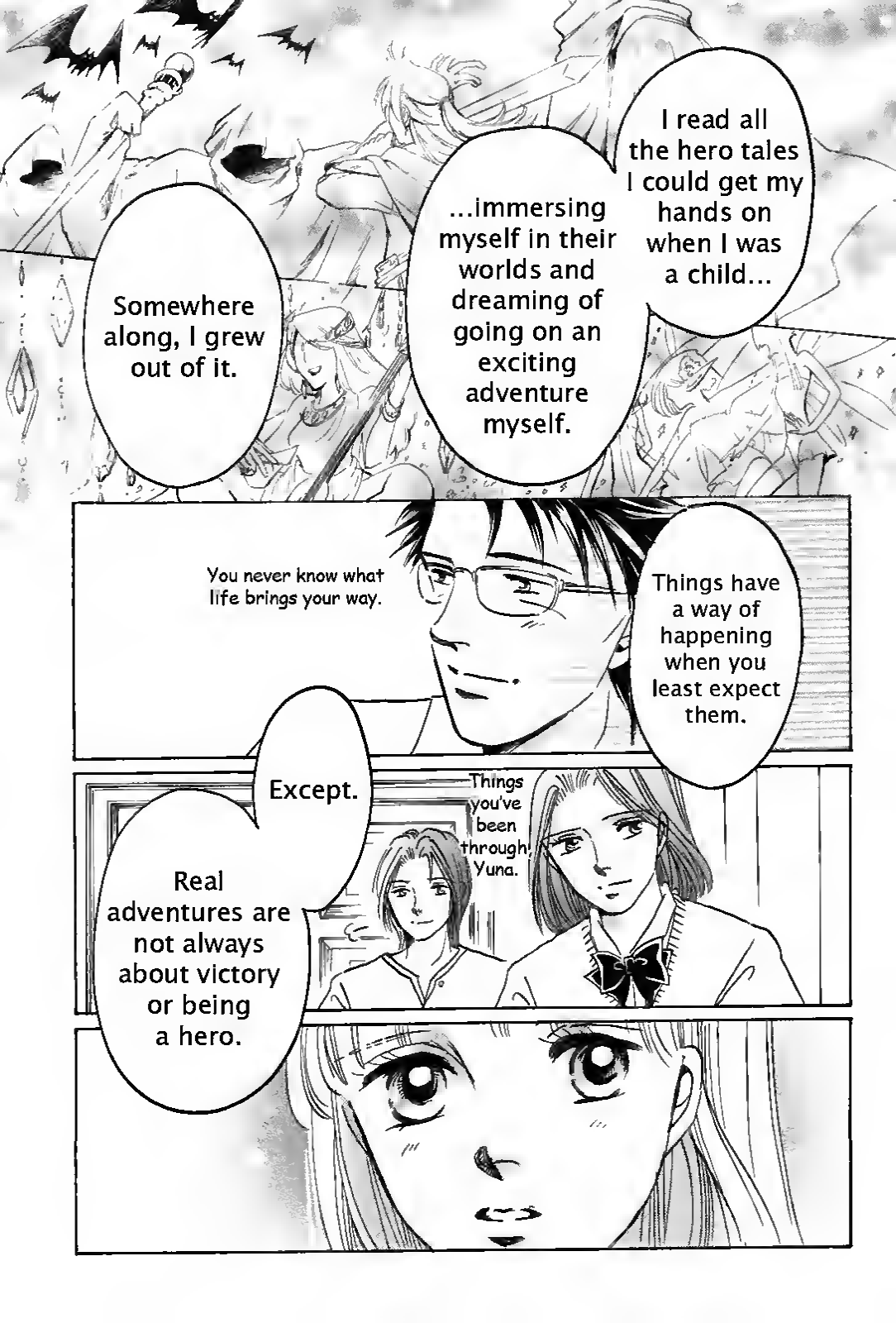
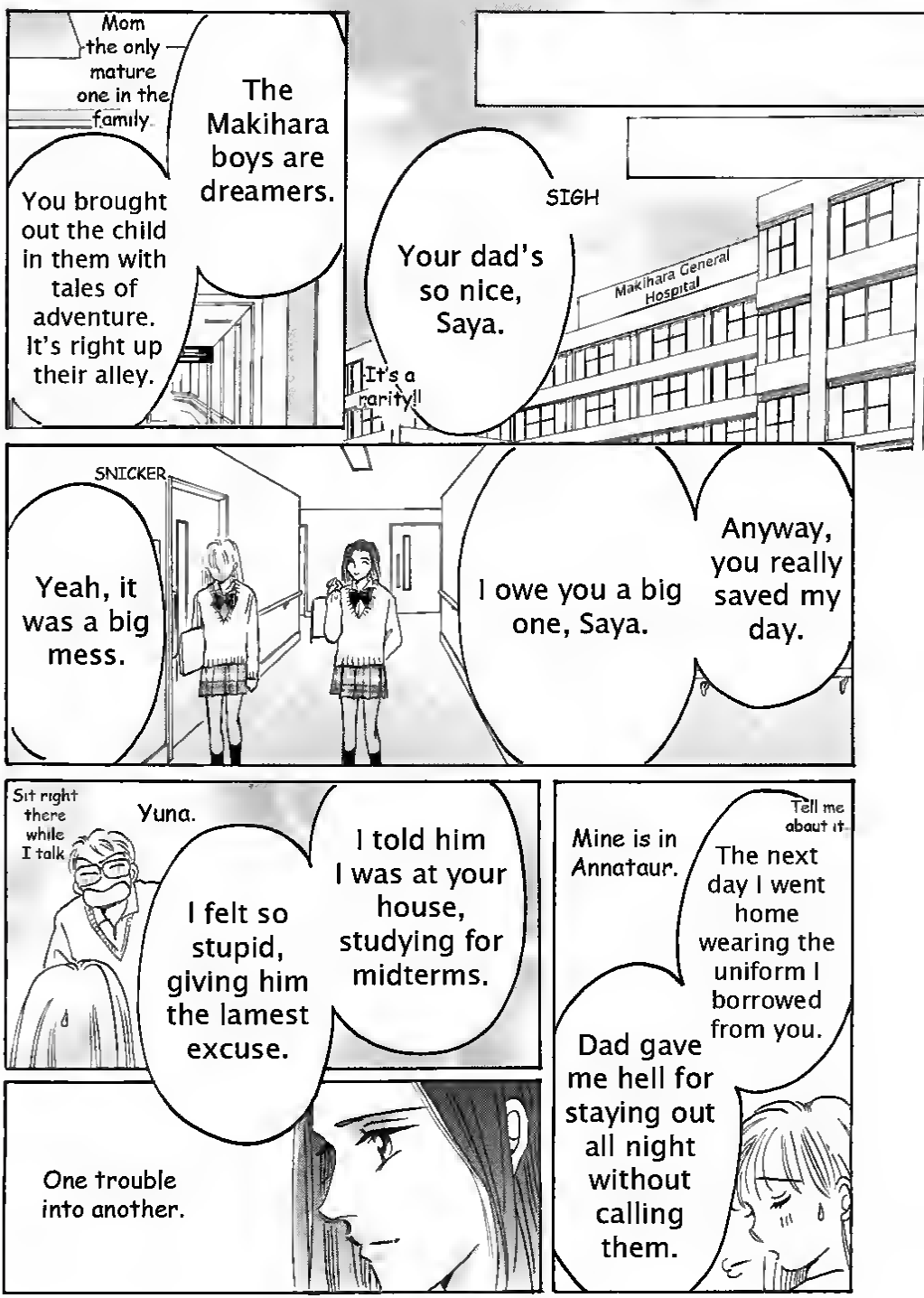
Thank you so much!!

Director's Room
I don't know how to thank you, Dr. Makihara...
HA HA
You gave me a proper scare.
Good to see the patient recovering well, though.
You did the right thing by bringing him to this hospital instead of calling 119.

Though I doubt they would have taken us seriously.
We normally report patients with a stub wound to the police.
Hi. I'm her brother, Seiya.
Who would? A report of a wounded man from another plane. The king of a desert country, no less.
Add pursuers to the mix.
He's right.
Evidence?
I believe what the evidence suggests.
About the legend of Annatour.
I didn't think you'd believe me, Mr. Makihara.
You're an honest citizen, Yuna.
...as the medical fee.
The jewels you gave us...


Those were worth millions of yen?
EEK
A tad too expensive for a high school student to carry around.
So don't worry about the medical fee.
No insurance coverage? A private room? All taken care of!
What!?
I showed them to my wife's friend who was a jeweler. She said they were worth millions of yen.
Millions!?
You take the King of Esfahan and call him a struggling actor!
A HA HA Nice one, huh?
Those two are struggling actors from a foreign country and there was an accident during a shooting of some lame fantasy movie.
One more thing
I gave our staff an alternative story to explain it away.
You know what, Yuna?
I pursued this career in order to take over the family business but I always had the ambition to become an author.
Soyo took after me in that regard.
At this age, you don't expect something like this.


I read all the hero tales I could get my hands on when I was a child...
...immersing myself in their worlds and dreaming of going on an exciting adventure myself.
Somewhere along, I grew out of it.
Things have a way of happening when you least expect them.
You never know what life brings your way.
Things you've been through, Yuna.
Except.
Real adventures are not always about victory or being a hero.


Mom the only mature one in the family.
The Makihara boys are dreamers.
You brought out the child in them with tales of adventure. It's right up their alley.
SIGH
Your dad's so nice, Saya.
It's a rarity!!
Makihara General Hospital
SNICKER
Yeah, it was a big mess.
I owe you a big one, Saya.
Anyway, you really saved my day.
Sit right there while I talk
Yuna.
I told him I was at your house, studying for midterms.
I felt so stupid, giving him the lamest excuse.
One trouble into another.
Mine is in Annataur.
Tell me about it.
The next day I went home wearing the uniform I borrowed from you.
Dad gave me hell for staying out all night without calling them.

The Meshina of Annatour is a normal high school student...
...when she's in her world.
Yes.
Annatour and Japan. Both worlds are real to me.
Your king, by the way, doesn't sound like a typical king.
He's the King of a nation.
The Virdia, who holds the future of the country.
If something happens to Prince, Esfahan will be lost.
He's stupid. That's what he is!!
WHOA
おょ
Becoming a shield for his retainer? How cool is that?

But that's Prince for you.
He's incapable of making a cold calculation of who gets to live or die.
Stress does that to you.
Yeah, yeah.
Look what you're doing to me!
Thanks to that, my life has been shortened!
Look.
Your "King" has been the talk of the hospital.
No, it's my turn!!
You back off.
Nurses...

FUME
FUME
ぎゃあーぎゃあ
They seem to think "King" is a befitting nome for him.
No hogging!
You took his tempera-ture this mor-ning!
I won this in Bingo.
It's my turn to cleanse King's body!!
What!?
Cleanse =To wipe and clean the patient's body.
Let me give your body a wipe.
MY
TURN
King!!
ZOOM
It's okay.
There is no need.

No...
What?
But I won...
...I will take care of him to the best of my ability.
I really appreciate your help but...
Saya's brother bought clothes for him.
Landry
はっ GASP
Even better!!
King Shura, let me wash your back.
Why naked!?
Right...?
キャ〜っ SCREAM
Yep. We all love boys romance.
いかがわし〜っ♡ NAUGHTY

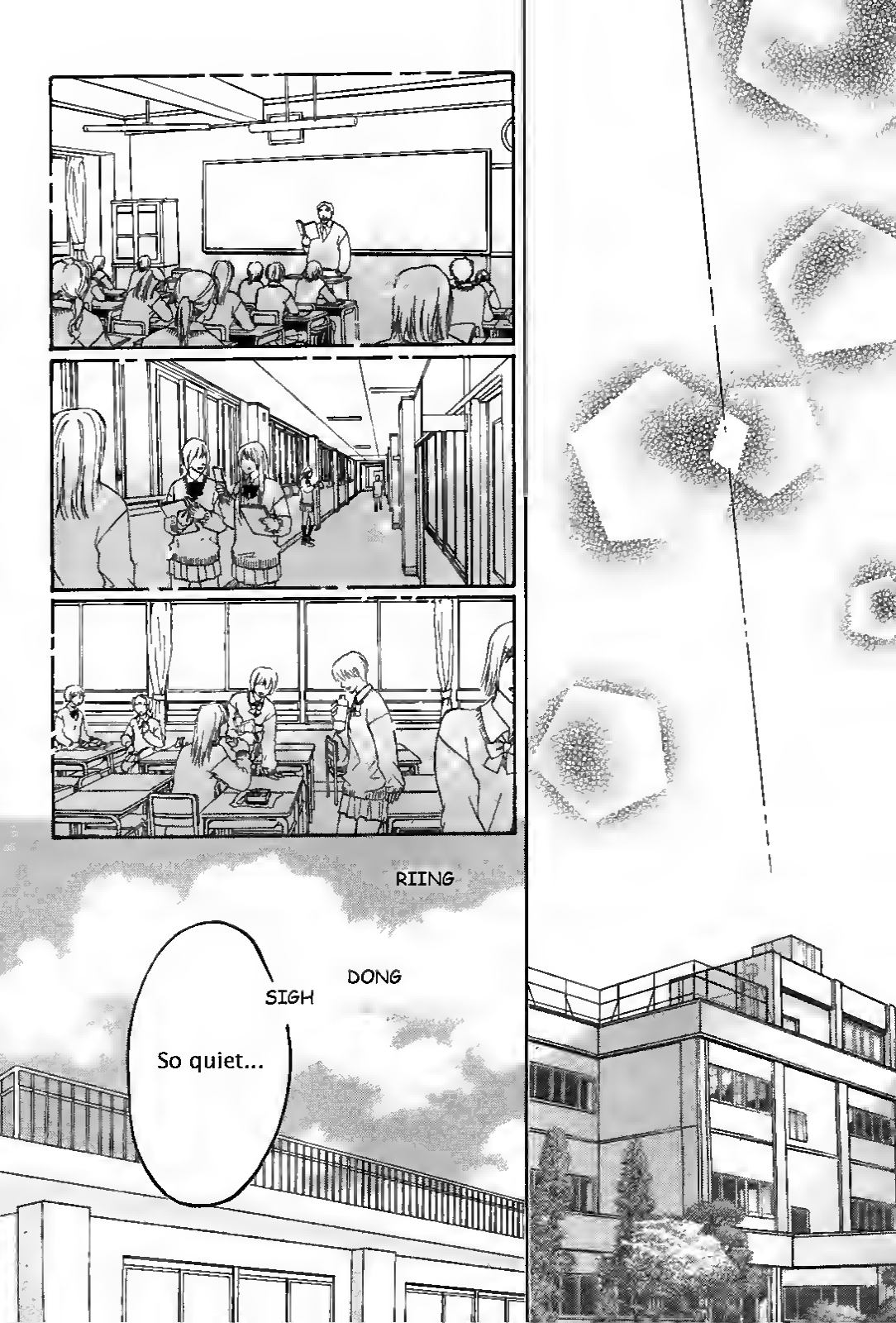
Prince, how are you feeling?
I don't blame them, though.
Hey, Yuna.
It's been six months.
Prince's steadily recovering and finds life in Japan agreeable.
Hey, what's up, King?
Miss. Saya.

Captain Nadeel's having no trouble adjusting!
Good tea.
Only Saya? Unfair!
Here's your tea, Miss. Saya.
Thanks.
Sending everyone into a panic!
They tried ta report you ta the palice a couple af times
NGH
When a nurse tried to change his bandage, you would threaten her, yelling "intruder"!
At first you wouldn't sleep, sitting by the king's side, cradling your sword in your arms.
I can only imagine how hard it is for you. You'd been teleported from a desert kingdom.
You saved the king's life and I've been nothing but trouble
That's okay. You're fun ta watch
My... apolo- gies.
You're learning Japanese pretty fast. It's incredible.
You know what else I find amusing?
It looks like someone's got a soft spot for Saya.
He's all moody and annoying when he's with me.

It's amazing.
I understand and speak your language as if born to it.
When you two arrived here, you spoke in Annatour's language.
I didn't under-stand a word you were saying.
When I'm in Annatour, I can speak their language, too.
Oh, yes.
Perhaps that's the power of the Silver Star.
But.
Why did the Star choose a girl from another dimension?
The Silver Star...
The guiding star of Romaira, the founder of Annatour, was it?

How the two worlds are bound together still remains a mystery.
Beats me.
And another: what links this world to Annatour?
...I would have been dead.
But one thing is certain. If the Silver Star didn't bring me here...
To be honest I can't wait to go back.
I need to return to my country...
What's going on in Sirusa? What about my soldiers?
When Radolf abducted Yuna...
...the commanding officer of Radolf was about to order another attack against Sirusa.

Time doesn't flow simultaneously in the two worlds.
...it will bring us back to Annatour before their planned attack.
If the Star gave us a second chance...
When we're ready to leave...
It's time for the final battle!


RIING
DONG
SIGH
So quiet...

But war is constant in your other world, Yuna.
...it's hard to imagine living midst strife and bloody contention.
Being in this peaceful country and going to school...
I'm concerned for your safety.
Your life may be at risk.
You can tell me.
And there's something I've been ponde-ring...
I'm scared, of course.
Saya...

I've seen the real war in Annatour.
And I can never approve of it.
All lives are equal. One shouldn't hold greater value than another.
Killing is just not the way to go about it.
But when Captain Nadeel slayed the Radolf soldier, I didn't blame him.
It was the man who had stabbed Prince.
If Captain Nadeel hadn't done it, I might have done it myself.

His words ring so true now.
Who are you kidding?
You think the ability to love will stop everyone from fighting?
Perhaps that's what starts a war.
But sometimes it seems killing is the only way to protect your loved ones.
My wish for peace comes from the heart.
Yuna...
No one can blame you.
Humans are a complex bag of contradictions.
...I was a naïve hypocrite.
After all...

Everyone busts their butt to save one person in the hospital.
While somewhere in the world, millions are being killed.
I grew up in that hospital.
This is a question that has had me wondering since I was a child.
You mean ...?
"A single death is a tragedy."
"A million deaths is a statistic."
The commandant of Auschwitz concentration camp once said...
Listen, Yuna.
It comes down to being able to stick to what you believe.
It makes me wonder which side is truer to our nature.
We respect life...
We're also capable of atrocity at the tip of fingers.

...what I believe.
What I believe ...
Right...
You're what they call The Silver Meshina, right?
Yes. You may be naïve but...
Hey!
It's not funny!!
Stick to...
Cheer up, Miss. Future Queen.

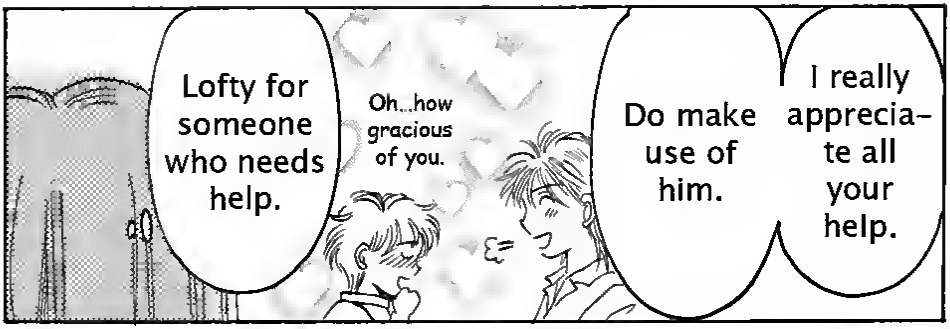
Geez.
What's up with the stack of books?!
Makihara General Hospital
Your friend Saya lent them to me.
Is that right?
Are you going to read all of them!?
They look involved! You're a quick learner.
They're all very interesting.
Books here offer a wealth of knowledge.
"Concise World History," "Comprehensive World Affairs."
"Chemicals in Everyday Life," "Steel and Materials."
What in the world...!
That means Saya reads them.

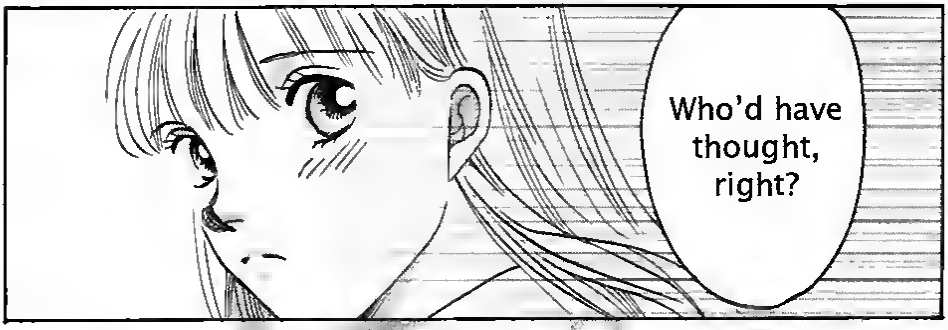
Nice and spacious without his bulk.
Oh?
Where's Captain Nadeel?
He's off to do some volunteering.
Volunteer= Prince's new vocabulary.
You sound like Alshe.
Good to hear, but..
You need to take it easy. Don't push yourself hard.
SHUT
Volunteering?
I'll show you something, Yuna. Come with me.

What is it, Prince?
What's in the yard...?
Over there.
What? A surprise?
A side of Nadeel Salfan you've never seen.
NO
My turn!!
My turn!!
Come on.
Do the airplane.
WHEE
What?
牧原総合病院

Hold on...is that...
Captani Nadeel!?
Oh. hmm

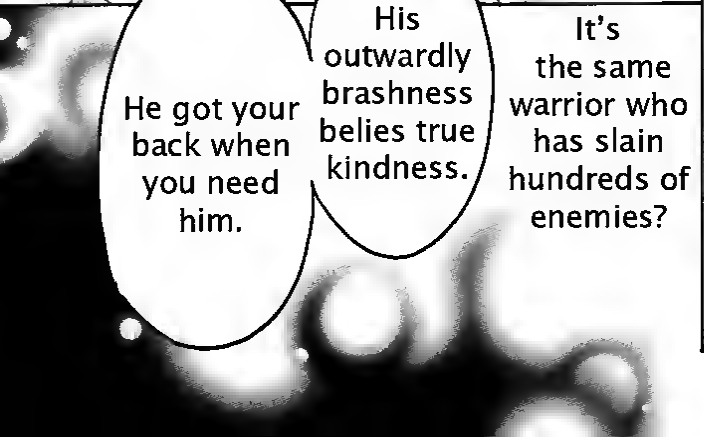
Prince Shura, Lady Yuna...!
W-well...
I can explain...
MOUTH AGAPE
N-Nothing. It's okay.
Are you all right, giant!?
Me, too. Me, too.
No way!
Giont. Thot's on point.
Thank you.
Kids in the pediatrics ward love him.
They're happy to have him around.
He's big and dependable.
That's good to hear.


Lofty for someone who needs help.
Oh...how gracious of you.
Do make use of him.
I really appreciate all your help.


Who'd have thought, right?

That's the Nadeel Sulfan I know.

Yeah...
Who'd have thought!


He got your back when you need him.
His outwardly brashness belies true kindness.
It's the same warrior who has slain hundreds of enemies?

That's how I remember him from childhood.
When you were kids?
Oh, right. You and Captain Nadeel grew up together.
That's right.
Nadeel's home village was destroyed by a hostile tribe.
My father led his army to help pacify the invaders. Nadeel was the only survivor my father brought back to the palace.
He thought I could use company.
I was six. Nadeel was ten.
At first Nadeel was so distant I thought he didn't want me around.
One day, we went on a horse riding together.

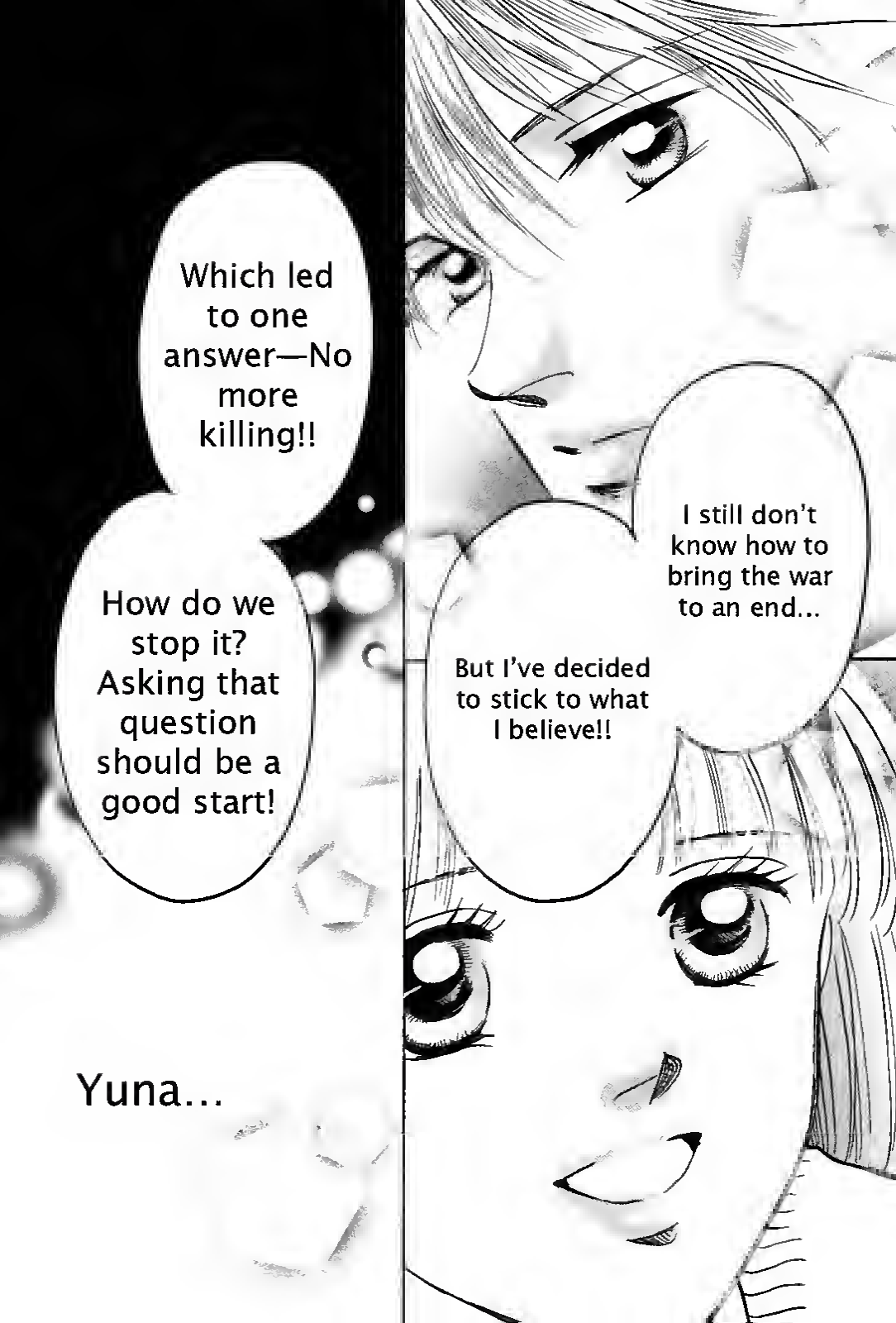
I didn't have a clue.
...Nadeel left the castle to seek revenge on the tribe that had looted his village.
Later I found out that...
He looked out for me, making sure I was safe.
But he didn't act annoyed.
I'm sure my appearance ruined his plans.
He's the kind of man who can't ignore those in need of help.
Clumsy, yes, cold, no.

Prince...
So I took to him instantly.
Nadeel is afraid...
He lost his family when he was a child.
He can't stand to lose another. That's why he keeps everyone at an arm's length.
Love? That's an obstacle.

That's how it is.
You let anger drive you until you're the last one standing.
The weak stand no chance.
In truth...
Okay, I got it.
Me too. Hug.
In truth...

Prince.
I think I know what I want to believe.
...he lives in fear of losing someone again.
Yuna...?
This. To be able to care.
To feel the need to reach out...
...and protect.

Humans are not all roses and sunshine all the time.
It's escapism.
I no longer think love is the answer for a war-free world.
We're no stranger to hate and killing.
More often than not, humans are prone to do stupid things.
But love is the best cure for all the nonsense.
That's what I want to believe!!


Which led to one answer—No more killing!!
How do we stop it? Asking that question should be a good start!
Yuna...
I still don't know how to bring the war to an end...
But I've decided to stick to what I believe!!

That's the spirit, Meshina.

Meshina.
You show me the way. And I'll pave that path for you.
Prince...
There's something strong and powerful in you. Something that makes people move with sympathy.
That's what makes you the Meshina.
You ran away in panic and got stranded.
But you always came back with answers.
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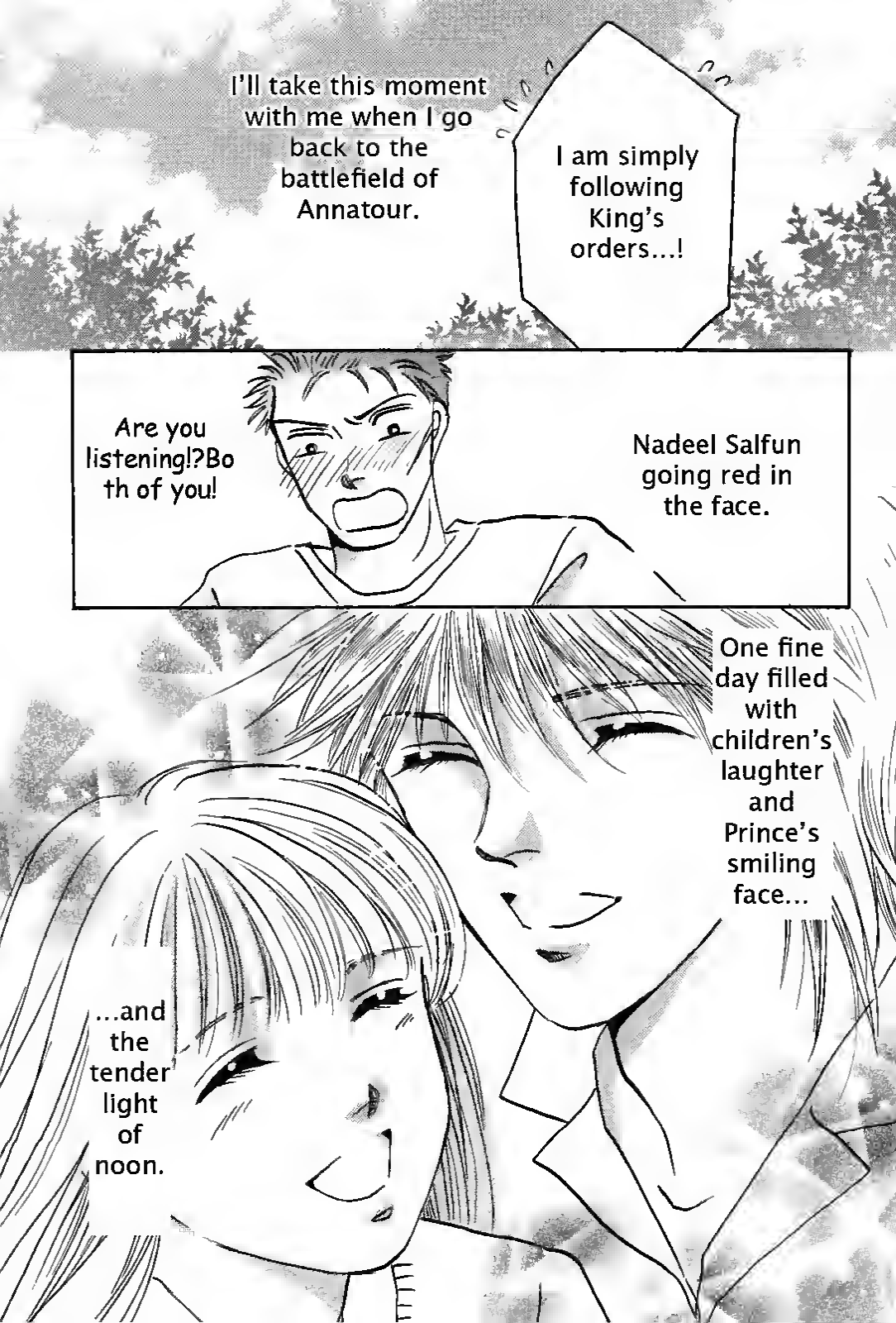
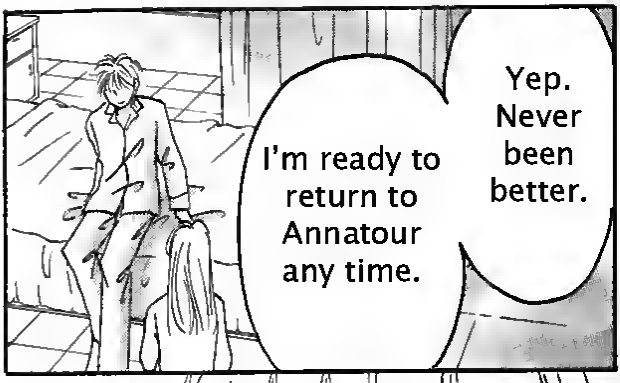
JUMPY
Look.
The blond dude and Yuna are kissing!!
King Shura, Lady Yuna!! Shame on you!!
NAUGHTY
It's not what you think.
Please keep it clean in front of the kids!
We've got children here!!
You find this amusing, Lady Yuna!?
Easy there, Uncle Nadeel.
CHUCKLE


I'll take this moment with me when I go back to the battlefield of Annatour.
I am simply following King's orders...!
Are you listening!?Bo th of you!
Nadeel Salfun going red in the face.
One fine day filled with children's laughter and Prince's smiling face...
...and the tender light of noon.



This would be a moment to remember.

Me, too. The signal is getting stronger each day.

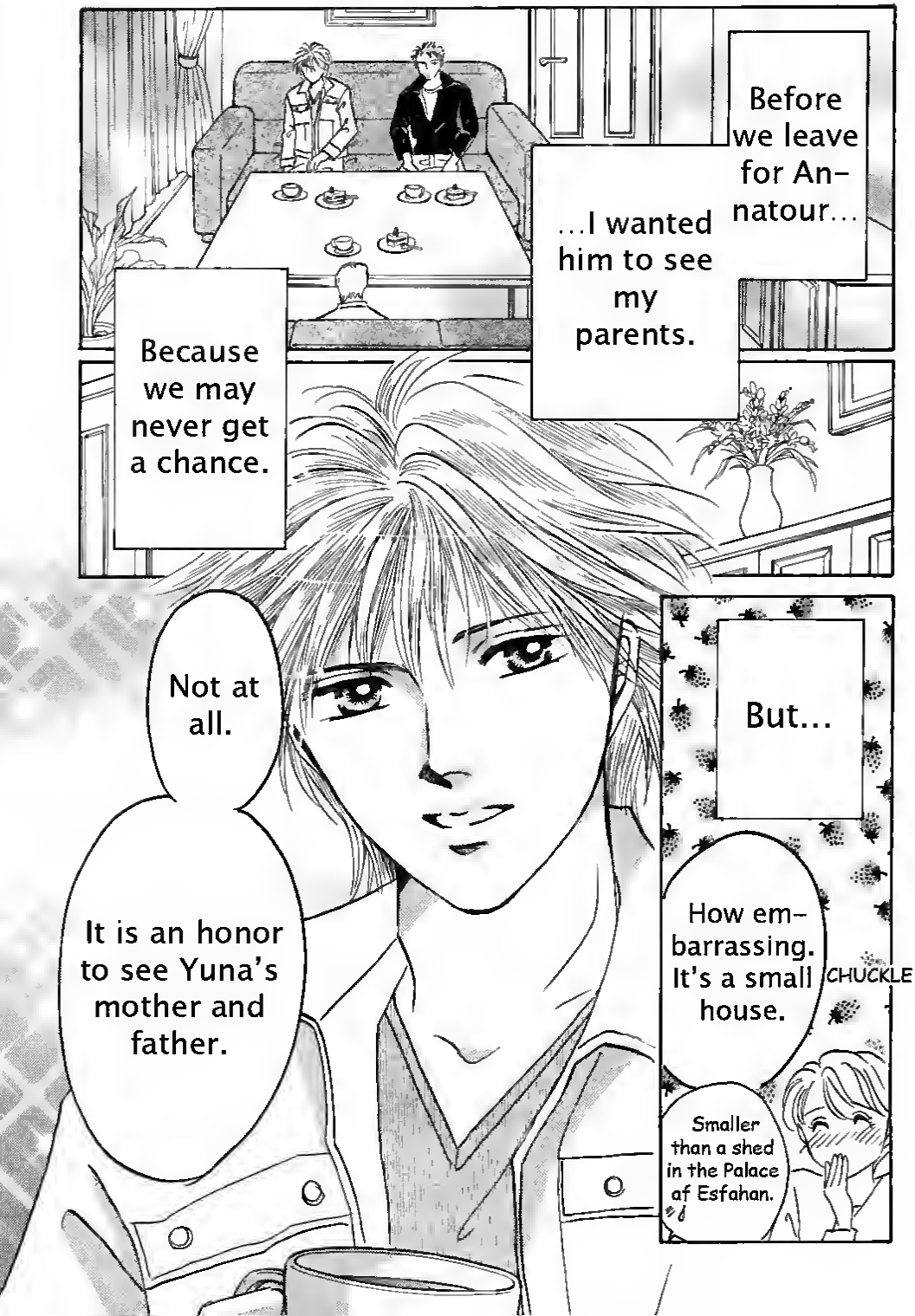
Prince Shura.

I'm going to be summoned soon.

You're ready to leave?! Are you sure you're all right?

Before we leave.
There's one thing I want you to do...
Here's tea for you.
SHAKE SHAKE SHAKE
Thank you.

What a beautiful creature!
How old are you?
Going weak in the knees?
?
FAINT
Really, Mom?!!
COFF
...so.
I heard you're an exchange student. Where are you from?
FIDGET FIDGET
YUM
He was staying at Saya's but...
He said he wanted to know what a normal Japanese household was like. So I invited him.
GRR
Welcome to the house of commoners.
You know, Saya's family is wealthy.
This is not a job interview, dad.
It's a small mid-east country called Esfahan, dad.
Never heard of it


Before we leave for Anatour...
...I wanted him to see my parents.
Because we may never get a chance.
But...
How embarrassing. It's a small house.
CHUCKLE
Smaller than a shed in the Palace af Esfahan.
Not at all.
It is an honor to see Yuna's mother and father.

I hope he's not disgusted!
UGH
You look out of place, Prince.
Oh, my. What a gentle-mon...
Are you a fon of period dromos?!
No, they're not.
Yeah. They're returning to their country soon.
And we're having a farewell party at Saya's house.
Don't impose.
So you're staying at Saya's?
Oh. It was delicious.
Take my cake. I baked it.
Hey.
Enough!!

Yuno, be honest. You're doting thot blond, oren't you?
W-whot? Whot kind of question is thot!?
Can't fool him.
SIGH
I'm exhausted.
Too removed from your world, I guess.
Sorry about that. That's what we consider normal in this country.
Nice?
Not at all. It was a nice change of scenery.
You grew up in a caring environment.

Yuna.
What's the matter, Prince.
Am I trying to ruin something good here?
What?
...
I'm taking you away from the comfort of your home and into the warzone.
Away from the warmth and love of your parents and...
...into the world fraught with many perils.
Are you trying to make me mad?
Prince!!
GRAB

My mind is made up!!
That's why I wanted you to see them.
They're not ready for the truth but...
I wanted them to meet the man I've sworn to spend my life with.
Look, Prince.
Until you came here, I still couldn't believe it.
Yuna...

When I was in Annatour...
...it felt as if I was in a fantasy world.
And when I'm here...
...Annatour suddenly seemed unreal. It added to my growing anxiety.
...you were not a figment of my delusion...
...and that you were not an imaginary prince.
I couldn't be sure until you came here.
Finally I could allow myself to believe that...
The Meshina and...
...Yuina Suzuki...

Now I can proudly say...
...I am the future queen of Esfahan.
They are now...
...becoming one.

The voice...!
Daughter of the Stars.
Rise for glory. Do what you must do.
Chosen one, beloved of the Silver Star.
Rise for glory.
...Yuna.
The Meshina!!
Prince, do you remember our vow?
Nothing changes even when I'm under the sky of Japan.
As long as the blessings of the Sun and Stars shine onto you...
...do you swear to spend your time with...

...Yuna.
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The Meshina!!

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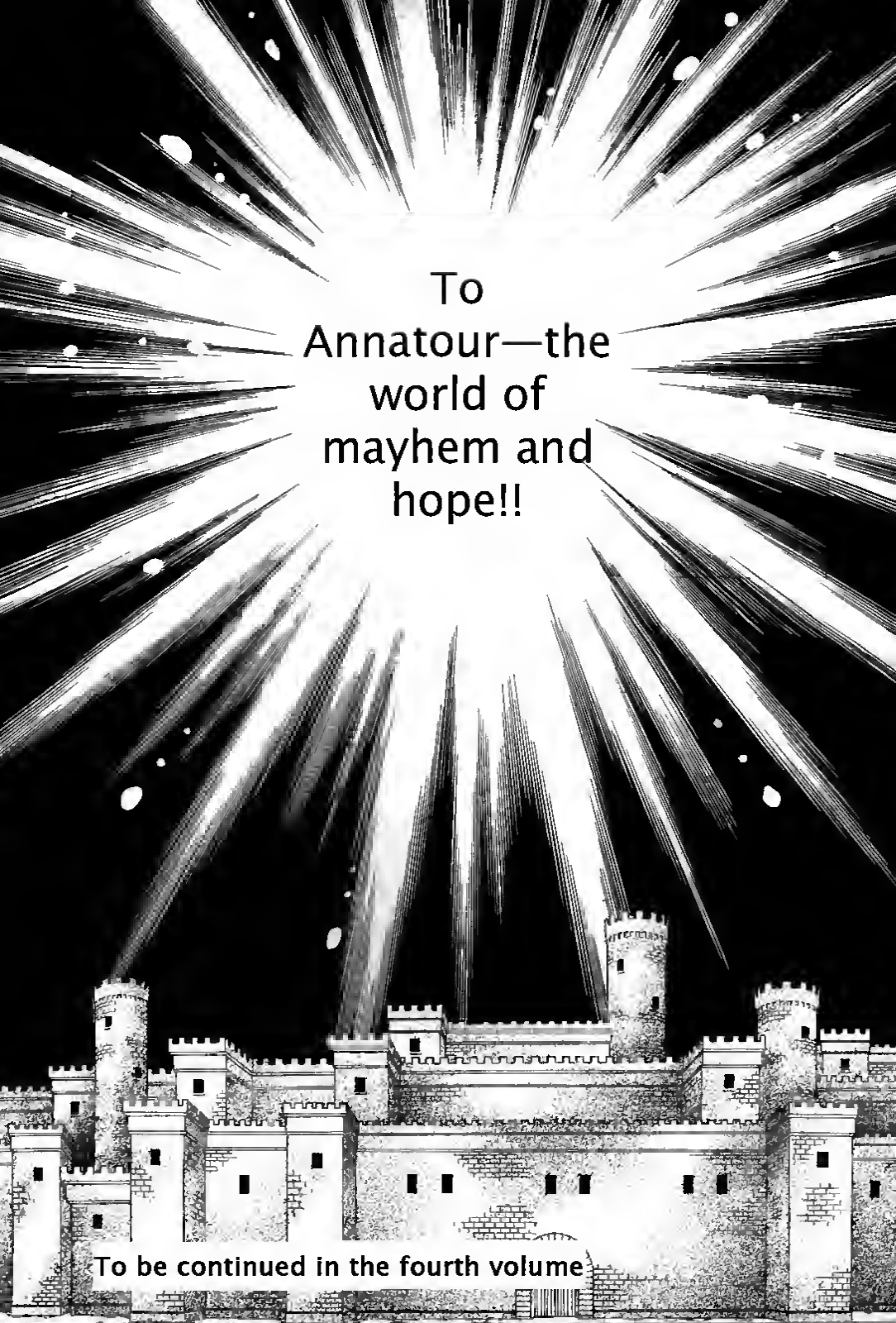
Rise for glory.
Daughter of the Stars.
Rise for glory. Do what you must do.

It's a sign from the Silver Star!!
Fill the dark of night with the brilliance of your heart.
The time has come.
I'm glad I made it.
Saya!
I came as soon as you called.
Yuna!!

So you're going back...
...to Annatour.
Thanks for everything, Saya.
We will never forget what you and your family did for us.
It's okay. Look, King.
Please make sure Yuna's safe.
Once she gets an idea, there's no stopping her.
CHUCKLE
I know.
What's that, Prince?
You, too, Captain Nadeel.
Good luck.

This is... "the Legend in Annatour"!
It's the same book that is preserved in the hall of the palace of Esfahan.
You, too, Saya...
A year ago.
I came across this in this library.
The book led me to you...
...Prince.
I believe in the Silver Star.

Let's go.
Yuna, be safe ...!!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